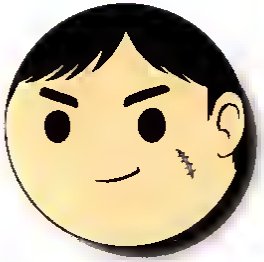

著者近影

小泉総理の異常に高い支持率、こいつは今の日本がいかにいかれてるかって数字だ。失業率5%、株価はバブル崩壊後最安値を更新しつづけている。そして日本の国債の評価は最悪だ。街では、薬や酒で頭のいかれたヤツらがナイフを持って昼夜関係なく徘徊している。少女は体を売り性病を街中にばらまいている。警察は腐敗し、官僚どもは死肉にむらがる餓鬼と化した。

まあいい、ど〜ってことはない。そんな事よりもオレは今、本気で悩んでいる事がある。20万のザクを買うか、あきらめるか。置いとく所ないんだよね。ほんとに胸が切なくなるくらい悩んでます。

な〜んて書きながらテレビ見てたらニューヨークで同時多発テロだって。

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WINCHESTER MODEL 1897 SHOTGUN（アメリカ）	
全長	985mm
銃身長	500mm
重量	3300g
口径	2 ¼ in（12GAUGE）
作動方式	ポンプアクション
ライフリング	―

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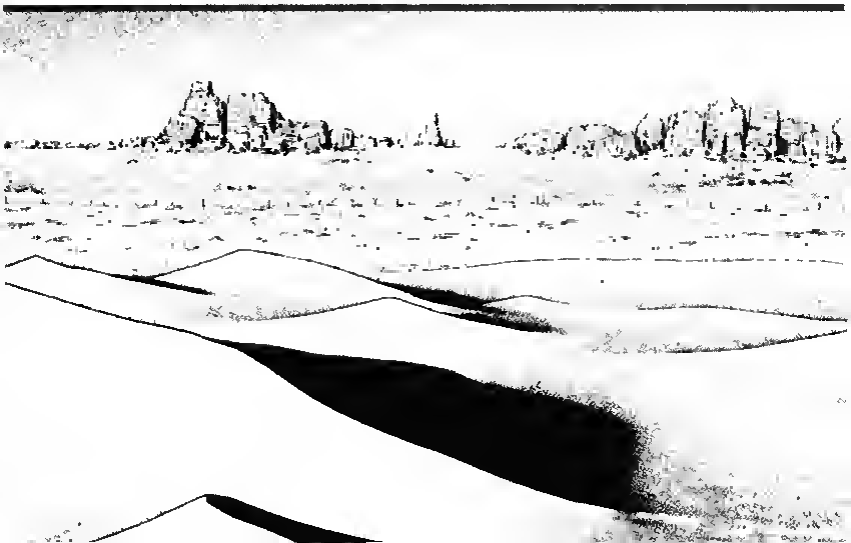
— STORY —
物語

The Kanto valley is now just a vast desert. Water is scarce there, and the inhabitants have to be strong to endure the harsh life. Sunabo-Zu is a mercenary who never hesitates to be cruel and cupid to get his way, and his ill reputation is known all over the desert. Followed by a young apprentice, he honed his skills and, his missions being usually very dangerous, he has faced death numerous times.
And now he's on a new case... Officially, he's been hired to watch over some diggings. But actually, some people opposing the government are trying, in a devious way, to convince him to work for them. Going through a buried city, he's trying to reach the West Oasis to look for Junko, a dear friend of his. Kidnapped by the government, she has joined the opposing party...
It's the first time that Sunabo-Zu will ever enter the Oasis. The man in charge of the rebel group, Masaru Kaido, is asking him to cooperate with them. Against all odds, he accepts to help them, but what exactly does he have in mind ?



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WAAAH!
WOAAH!
HE'S TOYING WITH ME.
F.... FUCK!
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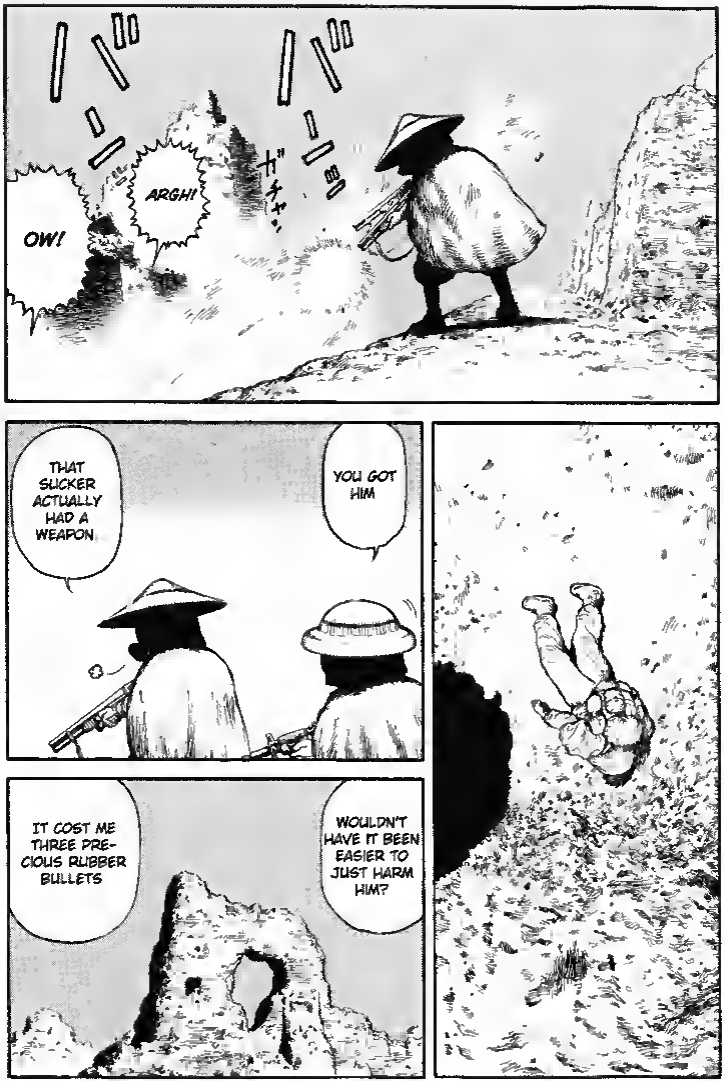
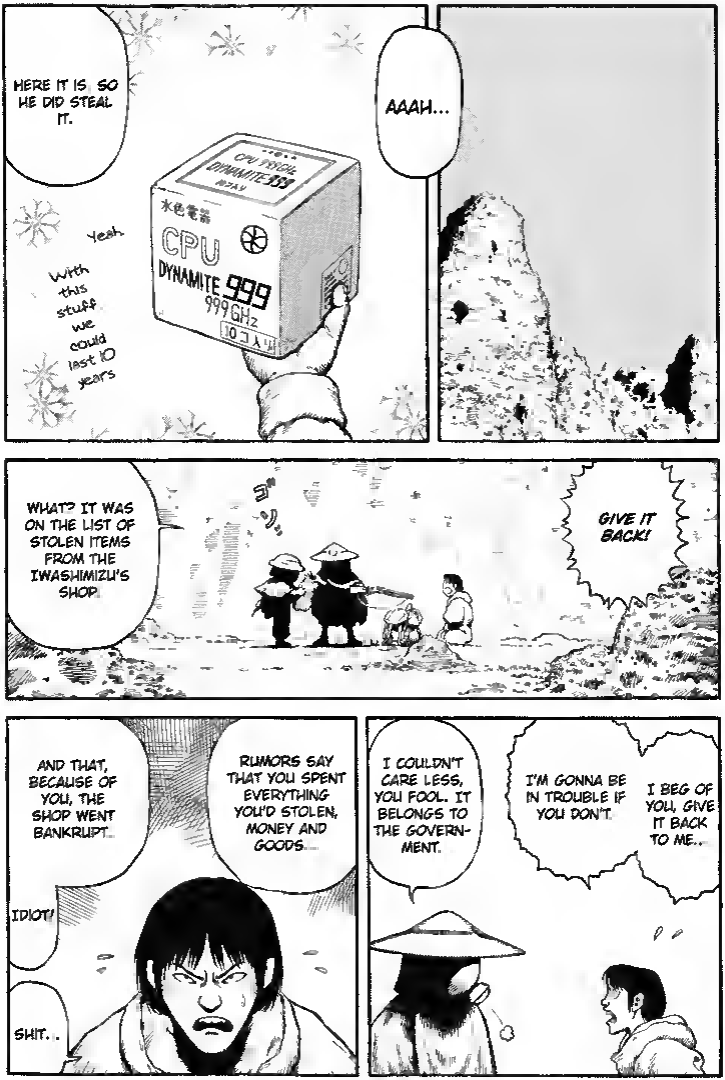

OW!
ARGH!
THAT SUCKER ACTUALLY HAD A WEAPON
YOU GOT HIM
IT COST ME THREE PRECIOUS RUBBER BULLETS
WOULDN'T HAVE IT BEEN EASIER TO JUST HARM HIM?


HERE IT IS. SO WE DID STEAL IT.
Yeah.
With this stuff we could last 10 years
CPU DYNAMITE 999 999GHz
AAAH...
WHAT? IT WAS ON THE LIST OF STOLEN ITEMS FROM THE IWASHIMIZU'S SHOP.
GIVE IT BACK!
AND THAT, BECAUSE OF YOU, THE SHOP WENT BANKRUPT...
RUMORS SAY THAT YOU SPENT EVERYTHING YOU'D STOLEN, MONEY AND GOODS...
IDIOT!
SHIT..
I COULDN'T CARE LESS, YOU FOOL. IT BELONGS TO THE GOVERNMENT.
I'M GONNA BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T.
I BEG OF YOU, GIVE IT BACK TO ME..

POOR GUYS, SOME OF THEM COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE OF THAT BANKRUPTCY.
WHY FEEL SORRY FOR THEM? IT'S THEIR PUNISHMENT
FOR RAISING SUCH AN IDIOT.
LET HIM ROT UNDER THE SUN LIKE A DOG.
THAT IDIOT!
DUMBASS!
FUCK!

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UGH!
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AAAH!
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HE HE HE
IT WAS A TRICK MASTER, WASN'T IT?
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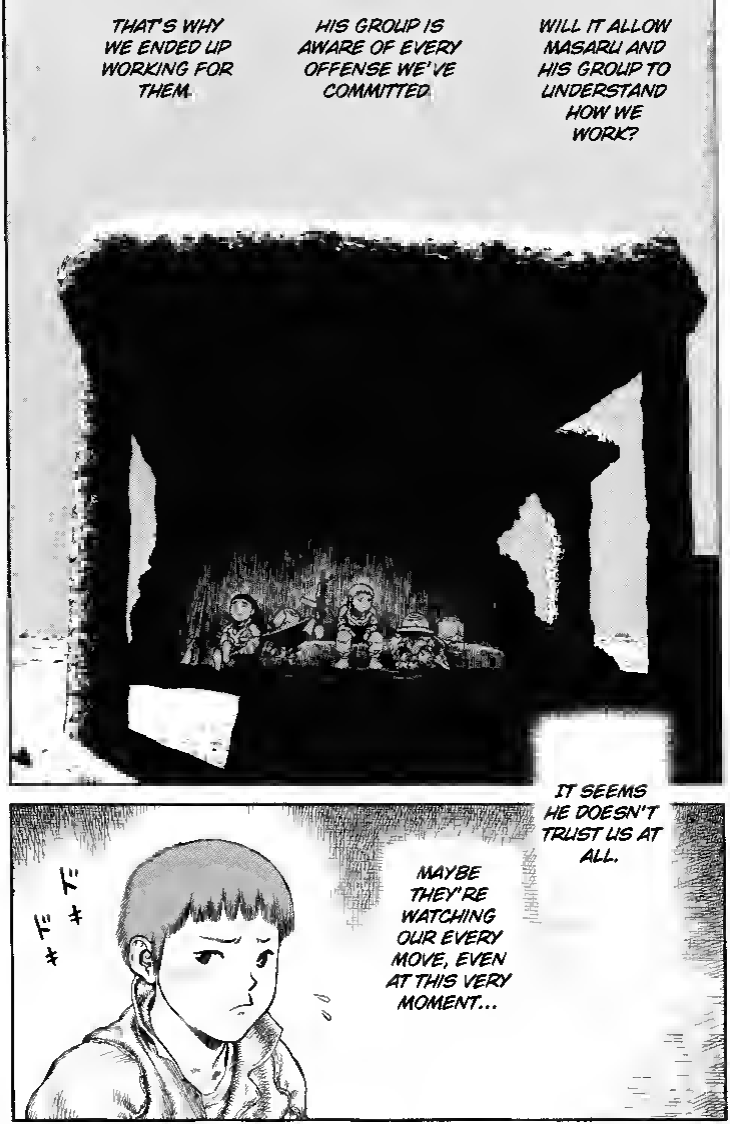
BUT IT'S NOTHING REALLY EXCITING.
IT'S GREAT, THE GOV-ERNMENT IS GIVING US MORE JOB.
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH THEM.


THAT'S WHY WE ENDED UP WORKING FOR THEM.
HIS GROUP IS AWARE OF EVERY OFFENSE WE'VE COMMITTED.
WILL IT ALLOW MASARU AND HIS GROUP TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE WORK?
IT SEEMS HE DOESN'T TRUST US AT ALL.
MAYBE THEY'RE WATCHING OUR EVERY MOVE, EVEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
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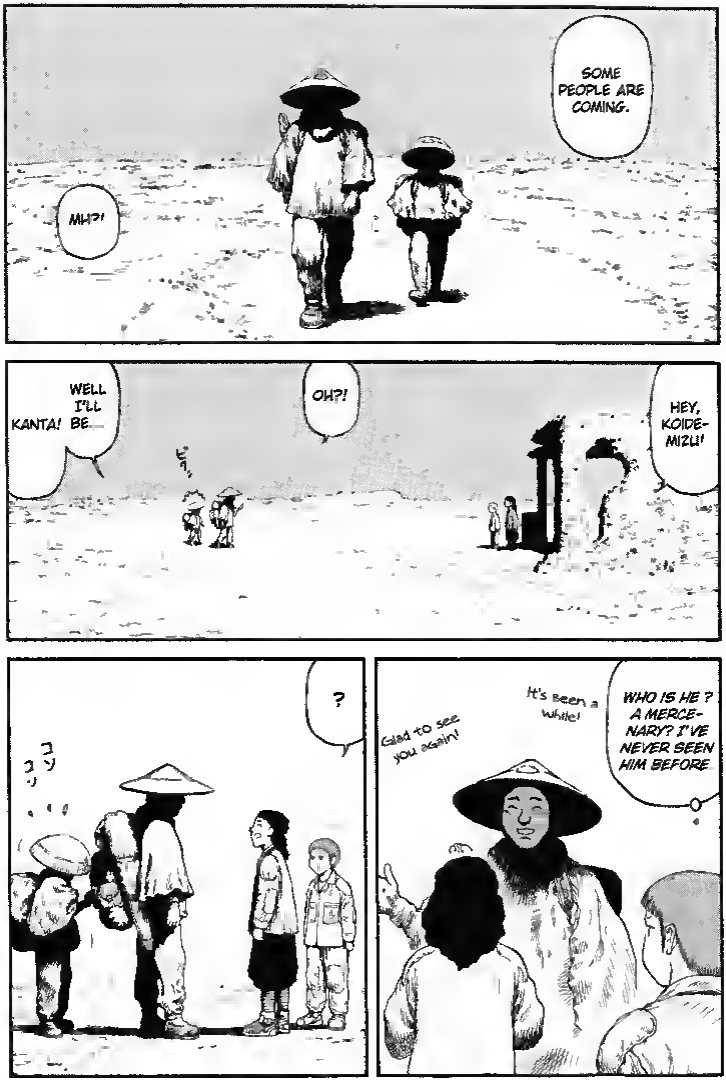
WHEN WILL WE SEE OLD MAN KAIZUKA?
A MONTH HAS PASSED ALREADY...
IT'S STILL BETTER THAN THE GOV-ERNMENT LEARNING ABOUT WHAT WE DID.
BEEH?
YOU'RE NOT SERI-OUS!
TOMOR-ROW. IN A YEAR...
OH THAT...
十"
AND OF COURSE THEY'RE SLOW AT GETTING ORGANIZED.
PFFF..
.....

IT WAS PICKED UP BY IKEDA'S SAVIOR...
HE FOUND IT IN THE DEBRIS
SORRY, I CAN GIVE YOU BACK ONLY THIS WEAPON.
OH YEAH?
I'M VERY ATTACHED TO IT.
THE 40MM WAS MINE...
Sunabo-Zu's weapon was found far from the rubble

YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT, RIGHT?
MAYBE YOU'LL NEED IT ON YOUR WAY BACK
FOR REAL?!
Seriously?
OH YES.
HUH?
HERE, TAKE IT.
I WON'T GIVE YOU AN APOLOGY BUT...
YEAH.
THANKS A LOT!
SEE YOU SOON!
?
AND YOU DON'T?
!
YOU SEEM TO BE TAKING YOUR JOB SERIOUSLY

AND THEY'RE NOT WELL ORGANISED YET
.....
YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT TO SAVE THE WEAK YOU DESPISE SO MUCH
IT IS ELSE, I WOULDN'T HAVE AGREED TO IT, NOR TAKEN THE MONEY
IT'S NOT SERIOUS FOR YOU?
.....?
THAT'S THE GOOD THING ABOUT IT.
FOR THE FIRST TIME, HIS ATTITUDE WAS CONFUSING ME.
BUT STRANGELY, IT WASN'T THE CASE.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT HE WAS DRIVEN BY HIS SEXUAL FANTASIES


SOME PEOPLE ARE COMING.
MH?!
HEY, KOIDE-MIZU!
OH?!
WELL I'LL BE... KANTA!
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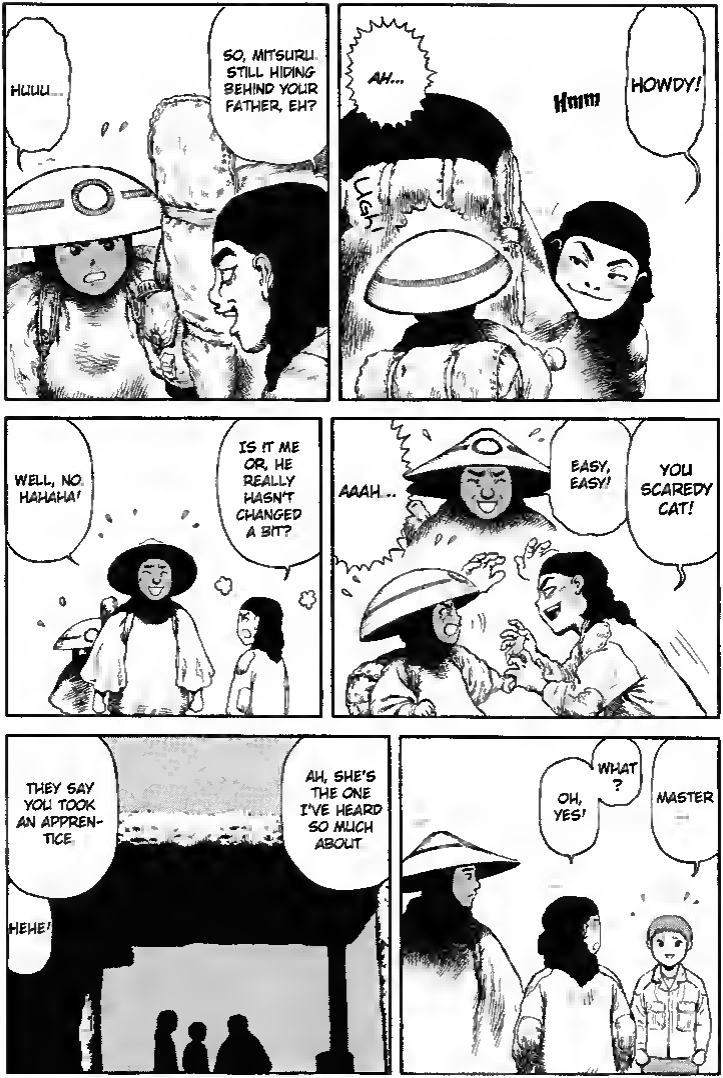
It's been a while!
Glad to see you again!
WHO IS HE ? A MERCE-NARY? I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE


HUUU...
SO, MITSURU STILL HIDING BEHIND YOUR FATHER, EH?
AH...
Hmm
HOWDY!
Ugh
WELL, NO, HAHAHA!
IS IT ME OR, HE REALLY HASN'T CHANGED A BIT?
AAAH...
EASY, EASY!
YOU SCAREDY CAT!
THEY SAY YOU TOOK AN APPRENTICE
HEHE!
AH, SHE'S THE ONE I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT
OH, YES!
WHAT?
MASTER

GENDO KOIDEMIZU.
ALLOW ME TO PRESENT YOU MY LAST MASTER.
HELLO.
AH...
HA HA
SHE'S ONLY 14 BUT SOON SHE'S GONNA BE PLUMPY. .
TAIKO KOIZUMI.
BOING BOING
A pleasure to meet you
THE MASTER OF...
EEEH?!
AND THIS IS MY ONLY SON
HEY, WON'T YOU SAY HELLO?
MY MASTER?!

ERM
That's why he can't take any dangerous job on.
Such a sad story! What a cruel fate! A mercenary travelling with his son is a rare sight.
THAT'S ONE SUCKY SONG.
Alas, after the birth, she fell ill and my dear wife went away
A woman I'm deeply in love with, by some miracle, gave me a magnificent child.
AH, I SEE
WE PASSED THE BUCK TO EACH OTHER IN TURNS.
SINCE HE WAS ALWAYS MESSING ABOUT, NOBODY WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
ABOUT TEN
IF HE'S YOUR LAST MASTER, THAT MEANS YOU'VE HAD OTHERS BEFORE.
HEHE! I'M FAMOUS, AREN'T I?
YES
I'M HEARING A LOT ABOUT YOU ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER

NEXT TIME I SEE THAT FUCKHEAD, I'MMA KILL HIM!
That Goddam Sunaba-Zu
HE REALLY PISSES ME OFF.
They're hiding their mercenary's stink.

THAT SONOVA-BITCH!
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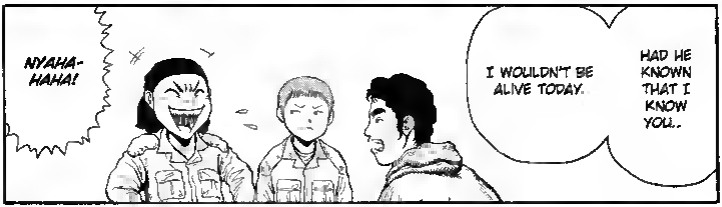
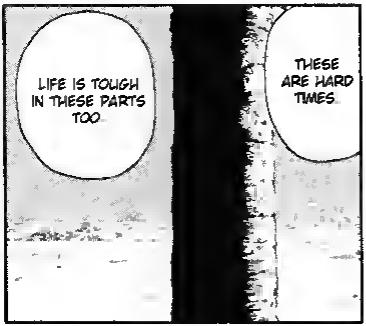
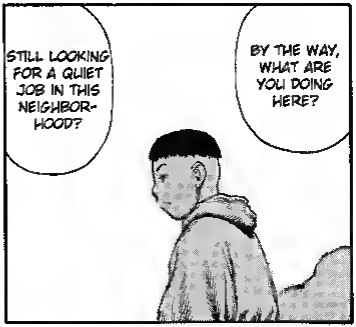
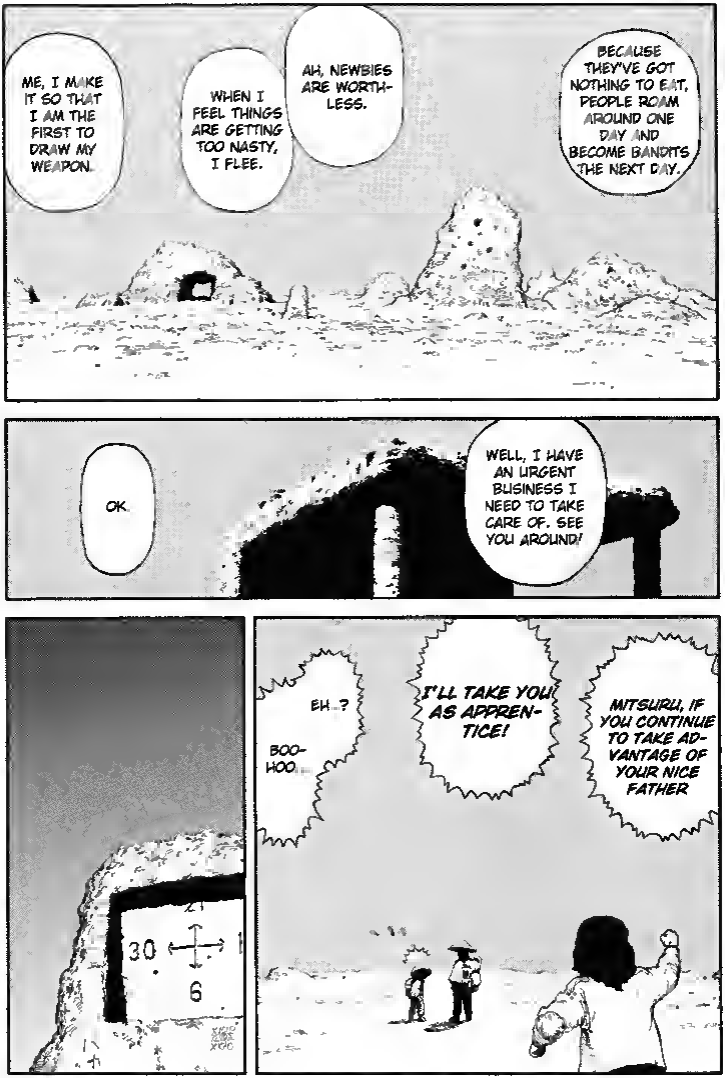

NYAHA-HAHA!
I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE TODAY.
HAD HE KNOWN THAT I KNOW YOU..


LIFE IS TOUGH IN THESE PARTS TOO.
THESE ARE HARD TIMES.


STILL LOOKING FOR A QUIET JOB IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD?
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


ME, I MAKE IT SO THAT I AM THE FIRST TO DRAW MY WEAPON.
WHEN I FEEL THINGS ARE GETTING TOO NASTY, I FLEE.
AH, NEWBIES ARE WORTHLESS.
BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT NOTHING TO EAT, PEOPLE ROAM AROUND ONE DAY AND BECOME BANDITS THE NEXT DAY.
OK.
WELL, I HAVE AN URGENT BUSINESS I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF. SEE YOU AROUND!
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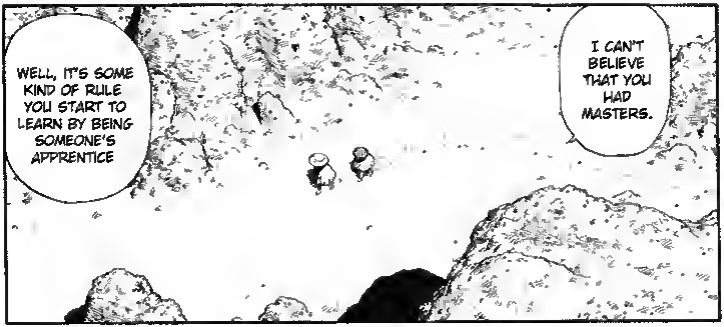
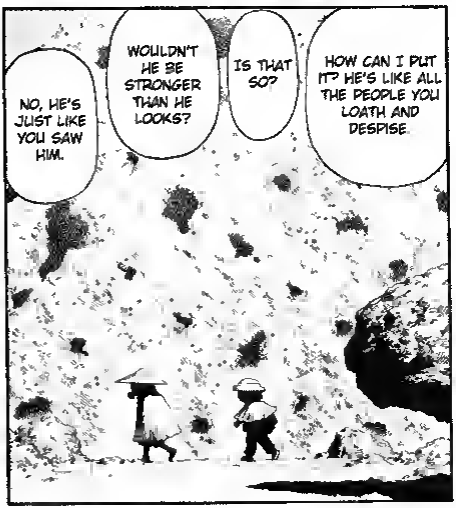
EH...?
BOO-HOO...
I'LL TAKE YOU AS APPRENTICE!
MITSURU, IF YOU CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR NICE FATHER

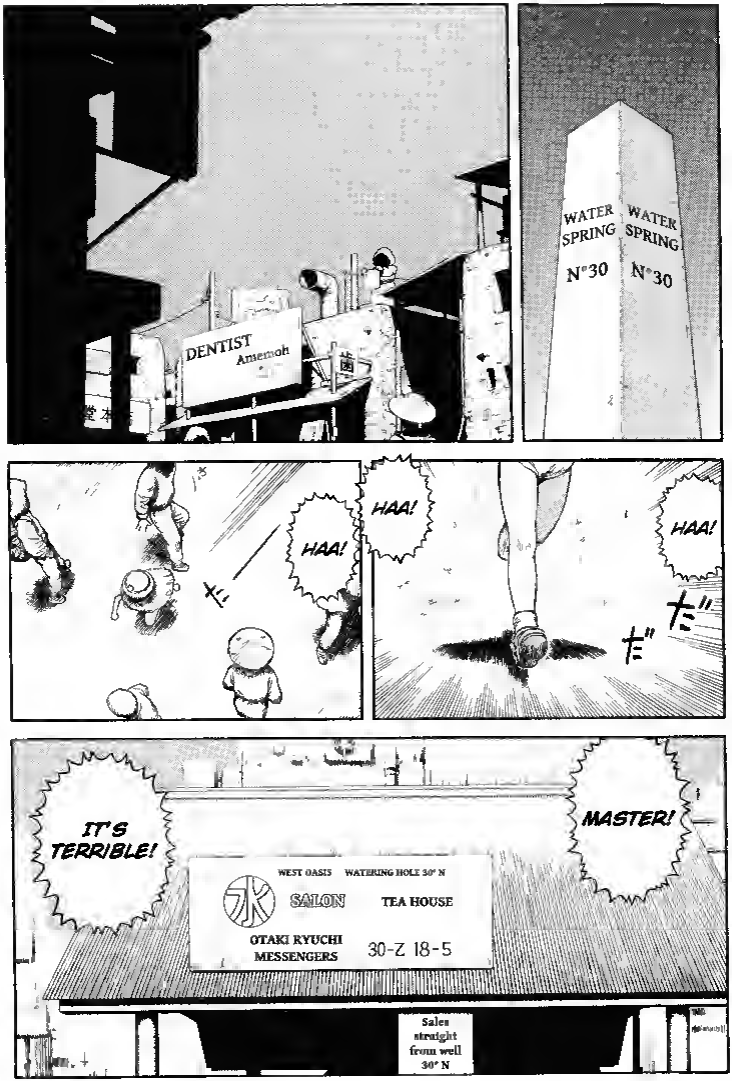

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU HAD MASTERS.
WELL, IT'S SOME KIND OF RULE YOU START TO LEARN BY BEING SOMEONE'S APPRENTICE

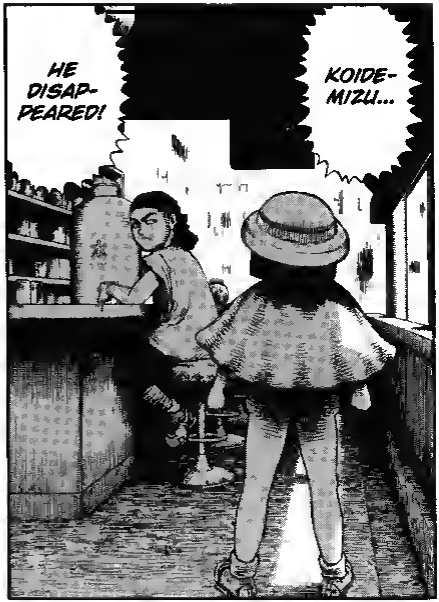
I KNOW, BUT...
TO THINK THAT MAN WAS YOUR MASTER...
HOW CAN HE EVEN HAVE A CAREER?
HE SEEMS WEAK, CLUMSY, AND HE HAS A CHILD...

WHAT DID HE TEACH YOU?
OH, ONLY USELESS STUFF.


HOW CAN I PUT IT? HE'S LIKE ALL THE PEOPLE YOU LOATH AND DESPISE.
IS THAT SO?
WOULDN'T HE BE STRONGER THAN HE LOOKS?
NO, HE'S JUST LIKE YOU SAW HIM.

HE SEEMS SAD
I TOOK CARE OF MITSURU TOO.
5 YO
10 YO
YOU SAID TO ME THAT EVERY EXPERIENCE IS GOOD.
I SPENT MY TIME DOING THAT.
LIKE WASHING TOILETS OR TAKING THE DOG OUT?
DID I?
SINCE HIS FATHER WAS MOLLYCODDLING HIM, I TRIED TO FORGE HIS CHARACTER.
HE WAS ALWAYS CRYING FOR ANYTHING
Gaaaaa!
Waaaah
Damn crybaby!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE STRICT WITH HIM.
WHEN WILL I BECOME AN ADULT?
AAH. .
NYAHA-HAHA!
WOULDN'T YOU BE THE REASON HE'S LIKE THIS TODAY, BY ANY CHANCE?

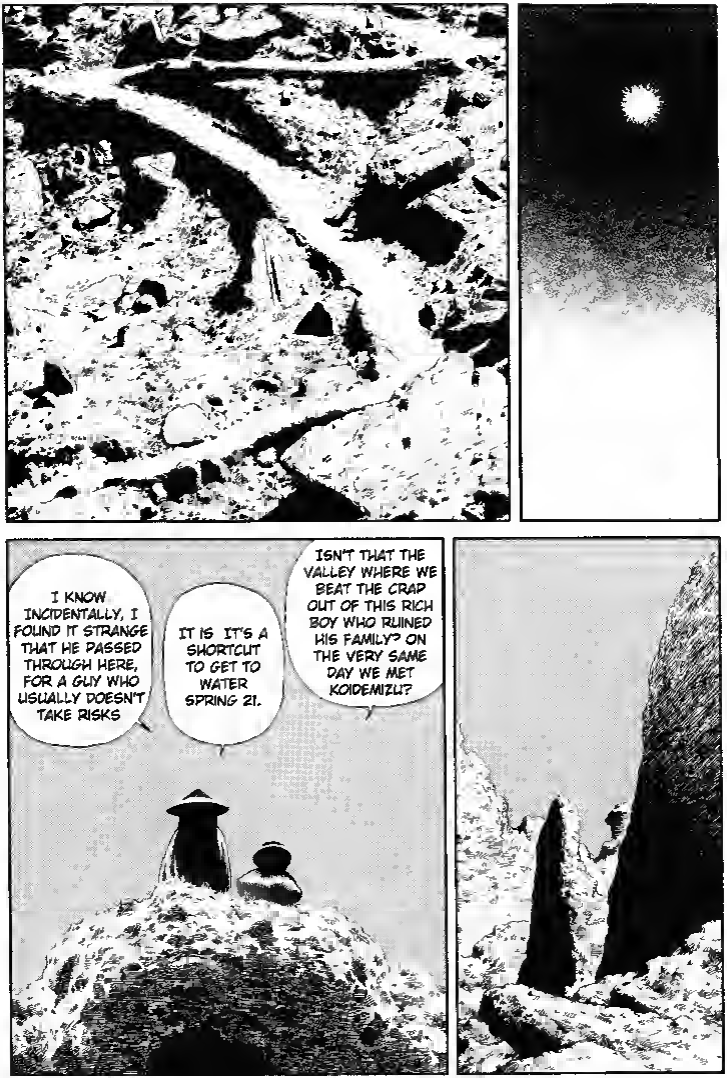

DENTIST
Anemoh
WATER SPRING N°30
WATER SPRING N°30
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
IT'S TERRIBLE!
MASTER!
WEST OASIS WATERING HOLE 30° N
SALON
TEA HOUSE
OTAKI RYUCHI MESSENGERS
30-Z 18-5
Sales straight from well 30° N

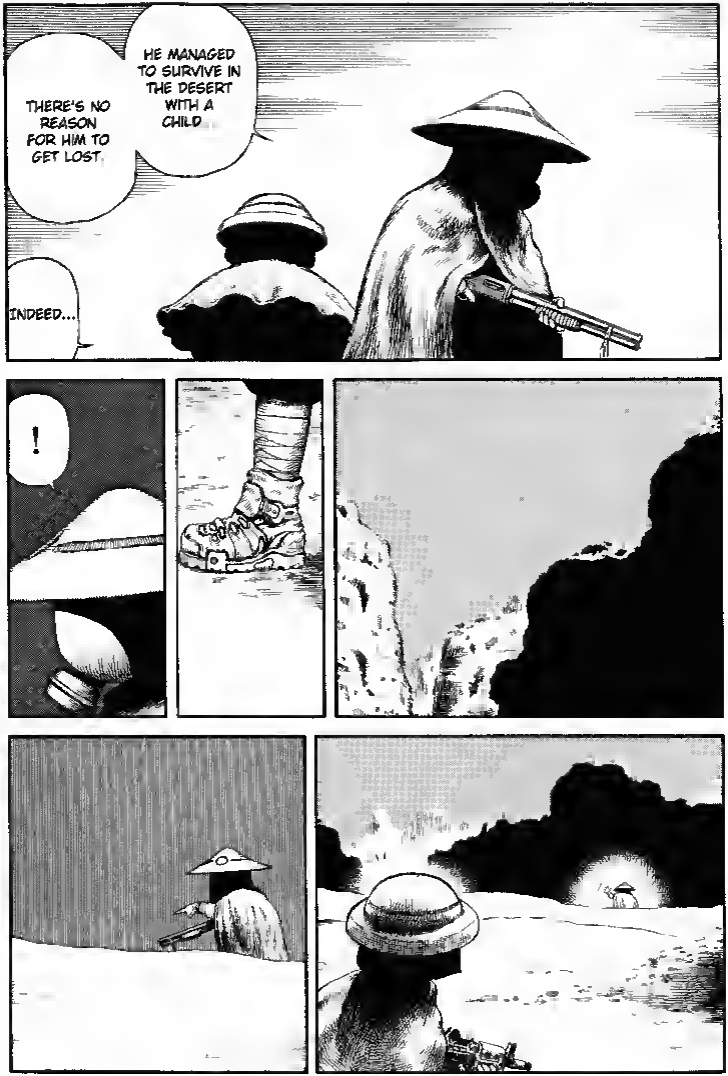


West Oasis Mercenary Union Regulations Article 15:

It is every member's duty to help a fellow unionist finding himself in a difficult situation. Any action taken by virtue of this present article is free of all charges.

YES.
THE OTHER DAY, HE TALKED ABOUT SOME PRESSING BUSINESS.
SPRING 21, YOU SAY? IT'S A HALF-DAY TRIP FROM HERE
WEST OASIS
SALON
OTAKI RYUCHI MESSENGERS
30-Z 18-5
Sales straight from well 30° N


I KNOW INCIDENTALLY, I FOUND IT STRANGE THAT HE PASSED THROUGH HERE, FOR A GUY WHO USUALLY DOESN'T TAKE RISKS
IT IS IT'S A SHORTCUT TO GET TO WATER SPRING 21.
ISN'T THAT THE VALLEY WHERE WE BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THIS RICH BOY WHO RUINED HIS FAMILY? ON THE VERY SAME DAY WE MET KOIDEMIZU?


HE MANAGED TO SURVIVE IN THE DESERT WITH A CHILD...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO GET LOST.
INDEED...
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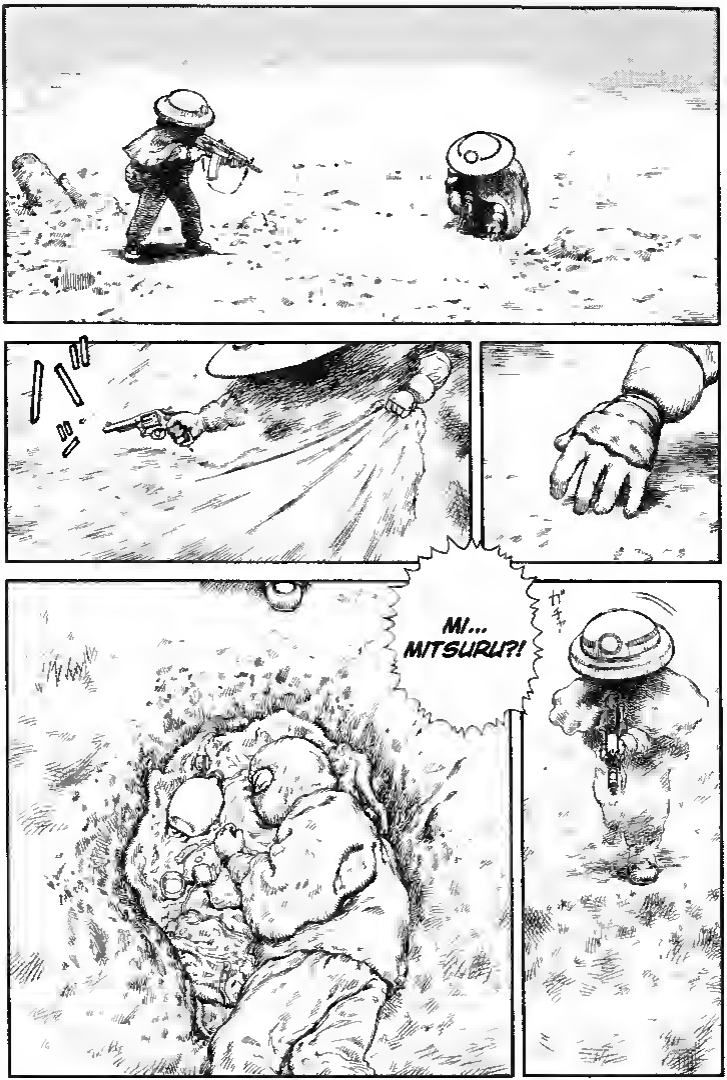
MI... MITSURU?!
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HEY, MITSURU! WAKE UP!
MASTER... HE'S EXHAUSTED
WHERE'S YOUR FATHER?
UUUH...
WHEN I WAS HIS FATHER'S APPRENTICE, HE WOULD HID HIMSELF IN A HOLE EVERY TIME THE SITUATION BECAME CRITICAL
WHAT'S HE DOING DOWN IN THIS HOLE?
WHAT HAPPENED?
.....
MITSURU!
WOUAH! KANTA?!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
AND I RAN AWAY
WE WERE ATTACKED BY SOME BANDITS
HASN'T COME BACK YET. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THREE DAYS NOW.
D.. DAD

WAAH!
AOUUH
THE BANDITS, THEY'RE GONNA..
GET OUTTA HERE!
SO, YOU JUST FLED WITHOUT EVEN HELPING YOUR FATHER..
AND YOU'VE BEEN HIDING IN THIS HOLE FOR THREE DAYS?
HE TOLD ME TO FLEE
YOU'RE GONNA SHOW US THE WAY
TO YOUR FATHER.
GHAAA!
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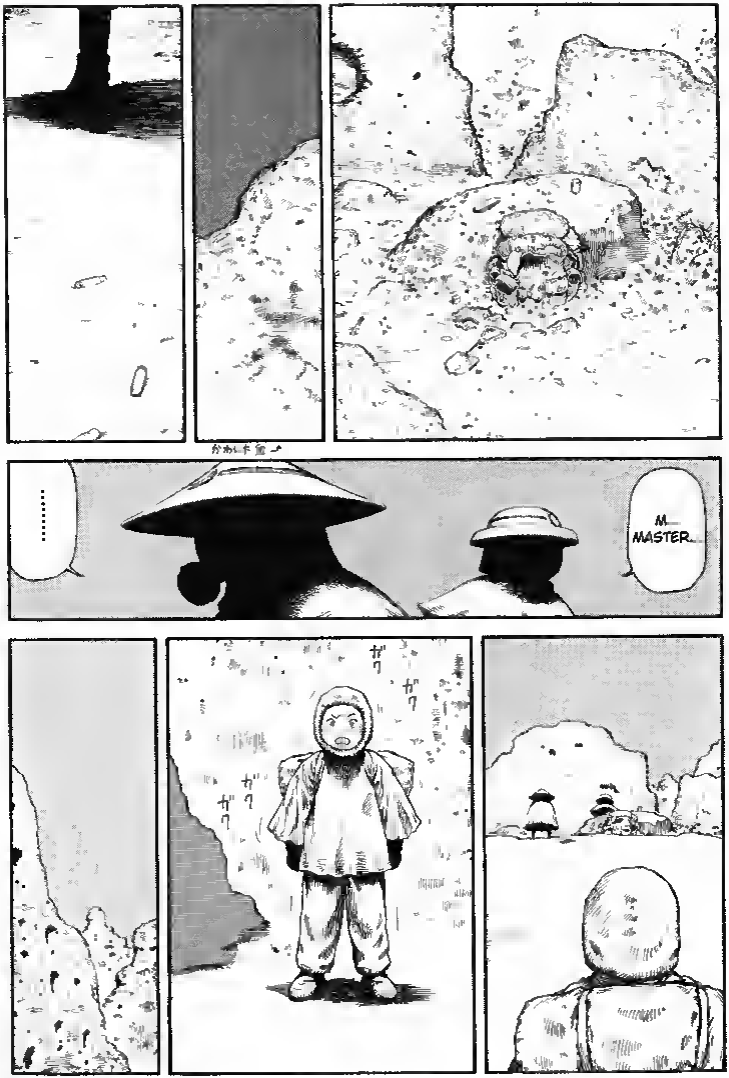
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MASTER…
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ARE THEY THE ONES?
BOOHOO..
PROBABLY SOME PUNKS FROM THE CITY

MASTER, LOOK! THE UNWORTHY SON IS AMONG THEM.
HMM.
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

LET'S ASK HIM DIRECTLY

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DON'T MOVE UNTIL I COME TO GET YOU!
AND, LISTEN
Y... YEAH
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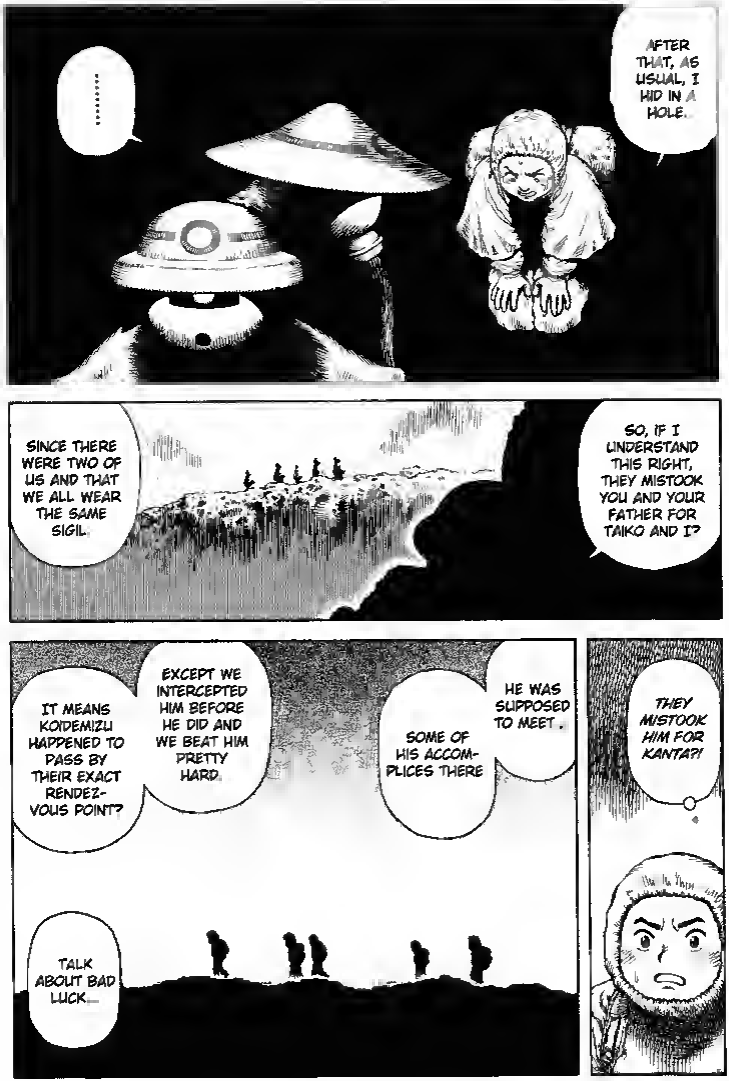
DID YOU HEAR ME?!
GO TAKE COVER!
THEY'RE HERE!
AH...

BLOODY IDIOTS, HOW DARE YOU COME HERE TO MOCK ME?!
I'M GONNA SHOOT YOU!
GIVE ME BACK MY CPU BOX!


.....
AFTER THAT, AS USUAL, I HID IN A HOLE..
SINCE THERE WERE TWO OF US AND THAT WE ALL WEAR THE SAME SIGIL.
SO, IF I UNDERSTAND THIS RIGHT, THEY MISTOOK YOU AND YOUR FATHER FOR TAIKO AND I?
IT MEANS KOIDEMIZU HAPPENED TO PASS BY THEIR EXACT RENDEZ-VOUS POINT?
EXCEPT WE INTERCEPTED HIM BEFORE HE DID AND WE BEAT HIM PRETTY HARD.
SOME OF HIS ACCOM-PLICES THERE
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET .
TALK ABOUT BAD LUCK...
THEY MISTOOK HIM FOR KANTA?!

THESE GUYS MUST BE FROM THE SAME GANG AS THE PHARMACIST'S SON FROM MIZUKUSA STREET.
YES...
THEY'RE DADDY'S SONS WHOSE SITUATION IS ENVIABLE. SINCE THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB, THEY SPEND THEIR TIME HAVING FUN
THESE PUNKS ARE PLAYING BANDITS IN SUCH DANGEROUS PLACES?
PFF...
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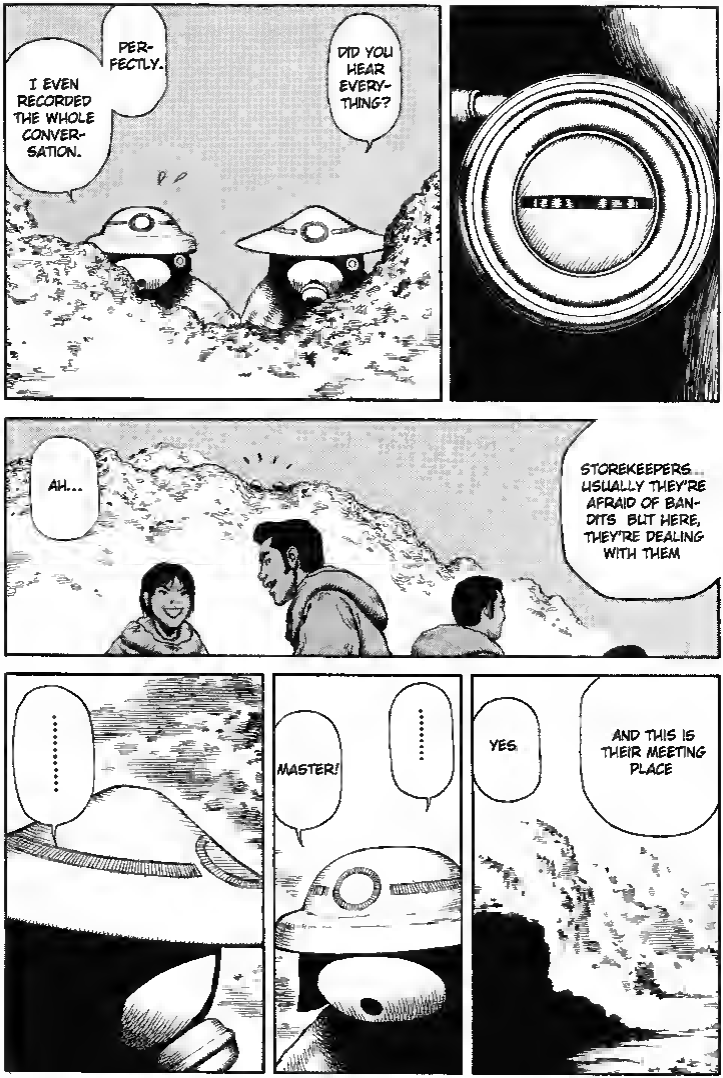
EVEN IF THEY'RE RICH, THEY'RE WORTHLESS...
WERE THEY TO FACE REAL BANDITS, THEY WOULD BE SLAUGHTERED
.....
WHAT DO WE DO?
IF WE ONLY HAD TO KILL THEM ALL, THAT WOULD BE SIMPLE, BUT...

I REALLY CAN'T FOLLOW HIS MIND THESE DAYS.
OR DOES HE BELIEVE IT'S HIS DUTY TO AT LEAST FIND HIS BODY?
DOES MY MASTER THINK THAT KOIDEMIZU IS STILL ALIVE?

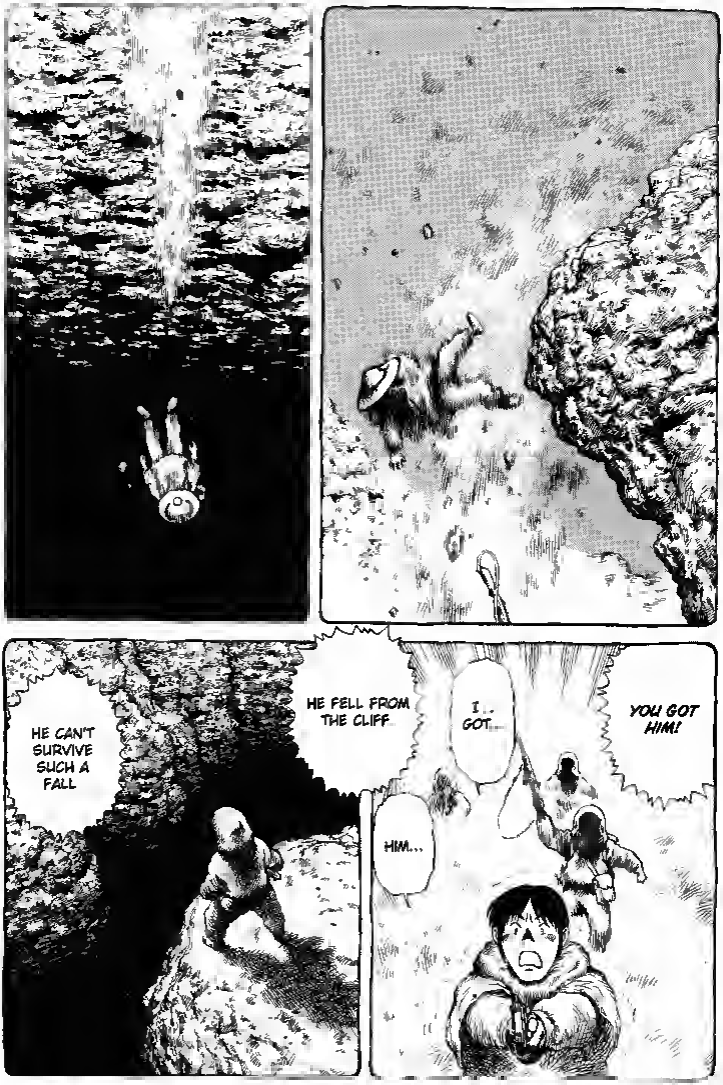
TAKUMA MINAMI.
YES
IS THAT HIM?
THANKS
HI!

I KILLED ONE.
BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE IT. SO, HIS VENGEANCE WAS FEARSOME.
THE STUFF CAME FROM A MILITARY STOCK HE HAD STOLEN AT HIS FATHER'S
THE CPU BOX BACK FROM THE MERCE-NARIES THE GOVERNMENT HIRED.
HE'S ALREADY KILLED A GUY WHEN HE TRIED TO GET
RAH ..
OH WELL, BRING HIM TO OUR NEXT MEETING.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF SOMEONE GETS WIND OF IT? OUR PLOY WOULD FALL THROUGH.
YOU'RE JUST IDIOTS
HM.
OK. SAY HI TO THE BOSS TOO.
SAY HI TO YOUR FATHER FOR ME!
OK
ALRIGHT HERE'S THE NEW ROUTE


DID YOU HEAR EVERY-THING?
PER-FECTLY.
I EVEN RECORDED THE WHOLE CONVER-SATION.
AH...
STOREKEEPERS... USUALLY THEY'RE AFRAID OF BAN-DITS BUT HERE, THEY'RE DEALING WITH THEM
.....
MASTER!
.....
YES.
AND THIS IS THEIR MEETING PLACE

MWAHA-HAHA!
CONGRATS
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.
YOU'VE EARNED OUR TRUST, SO YOU CAN BE ONE OF US.
GREAT
YOU DO KNOW THAT THERE'S NO COMING BACK, THOUGH.
YOU'RE KIDDING, HE'S DONE ENOUGH ALREADY.
I'LL BE TOUGH!
LEAVE IT TO ME!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
C'M'ON, SHOOT!
HEHE' HEHEHE!
OAAAH!


HE CAN'T SURVIVE SUCH A FALL
HE FELL FROM THE CLIFF
I... GOT...
HIM...
YOU GOT HIM!

YOU'RE NOT A RASCAL FROM THE CITY.
Thanks
CONGRATULATIONS, NOW YOU'RE A CRIMINAL
YOU'RE A REAL MAN
AS SOON AS HE SEES HIM, HE'LL GET RID OF HIM
I PAID A GUY GENEROUSLY TO WAIT FOR HIM.
HE CAN'T HAVE REACHED THE CITY YET.
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS THE KID THAT GOT AWAY?
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
I'M SURE IT WAS MY BULLET!
MWAHA-HA!
HE MUST BE CROAK-ING LIKE A DOG
ONE OF OUR BUL-LETS MUST'VE WOUNDED HIM

EH?!
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JUST FELL OVER, DAMMIT!
A STONE...
THE FUCK WAS THAT ?!
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SOMEBODY MAKE SOME LIGHT!
THE FLASH-LIGHT!
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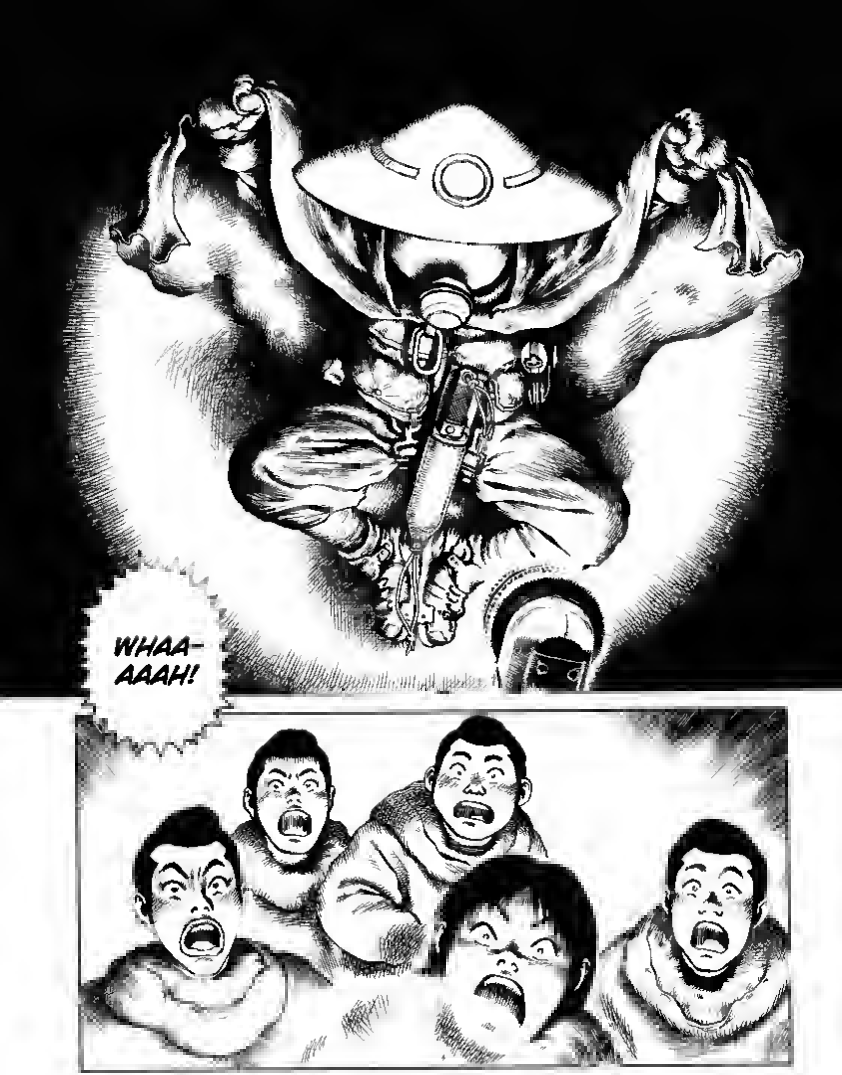
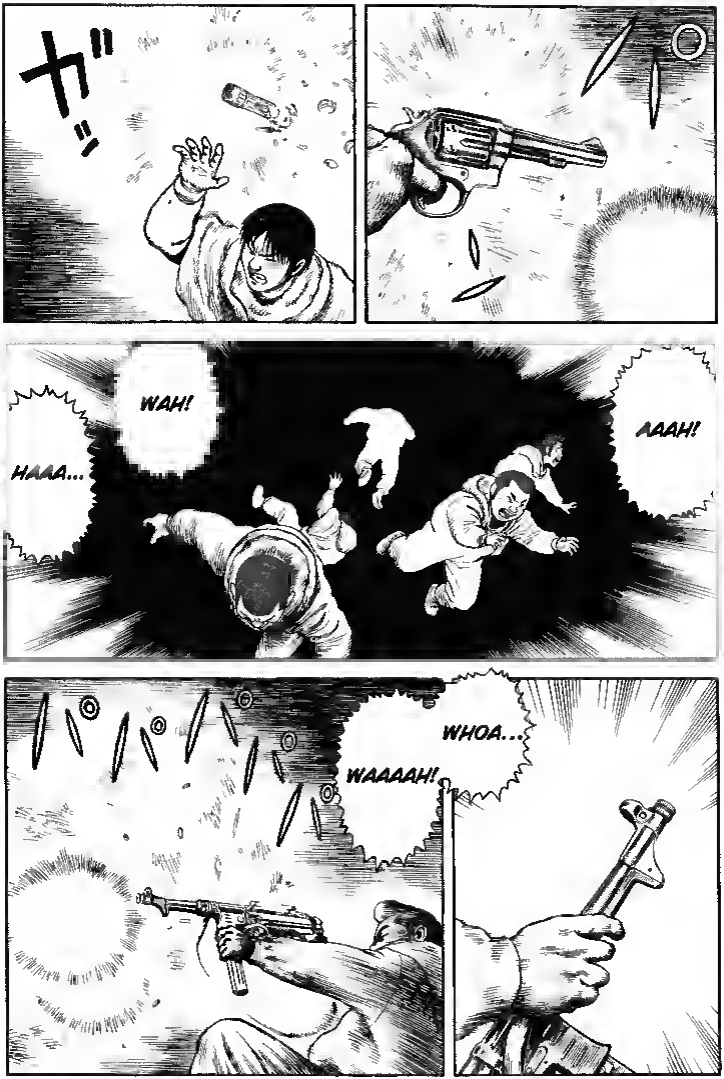
I'M ON IT!


WHAA-
AAAH!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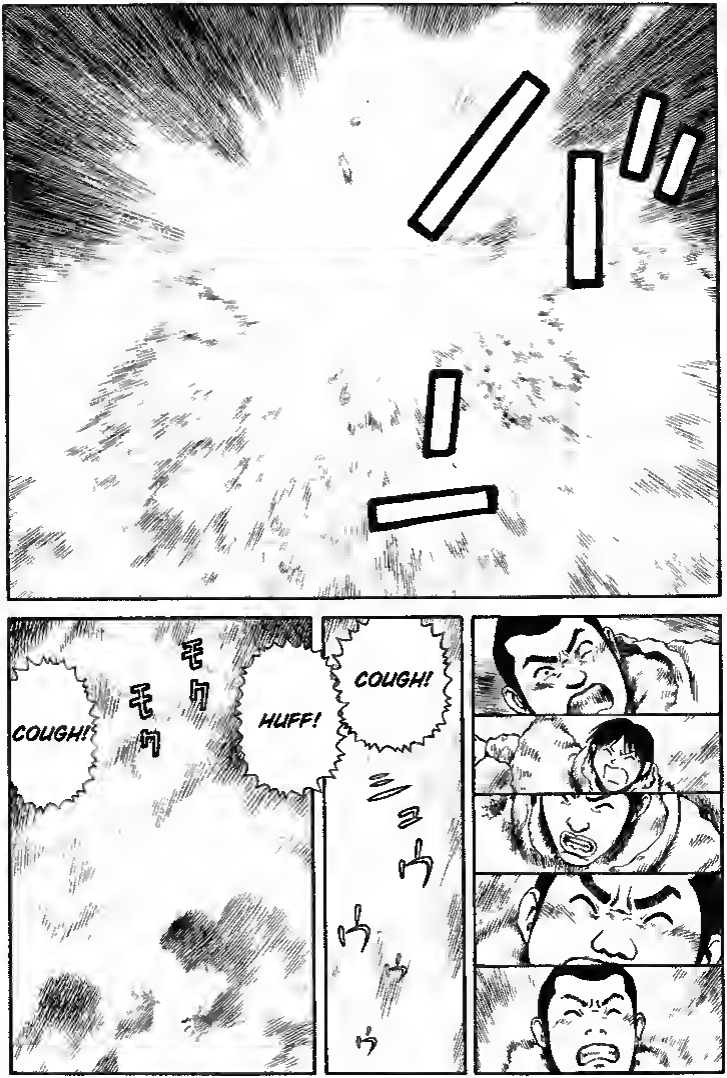
WAH!
HAAA...
AAAH!
WHOA...
WAAAAH!

OW!
WAAH ...
AAH...
YOU IDIOT, HE'S DEAD.
IT'S THE MERCENARY TAKUMA SHOT EARLIER.
IT'S HIM!
AAAH...

HE'S THE MERCENARY THAT BEAT ME.
NO..
IT'S HIM.
IT'S HIS GHOST!
IF IT'S TRUE...
IN THAT CASE...
B...BUT... HE WAS FLOATING IN THE AIR.
BULLSHIT!
IT'S THE MERCENARY'S CURSE.


COUGH!
HUFF!
COUGH!

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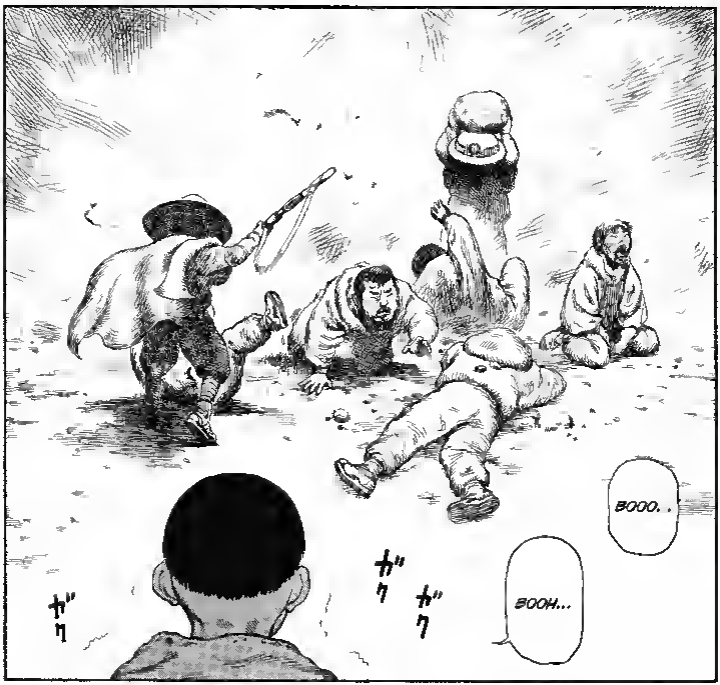
HIHIH!
UUF...
MY EYES ARE BURNING...
AAH...



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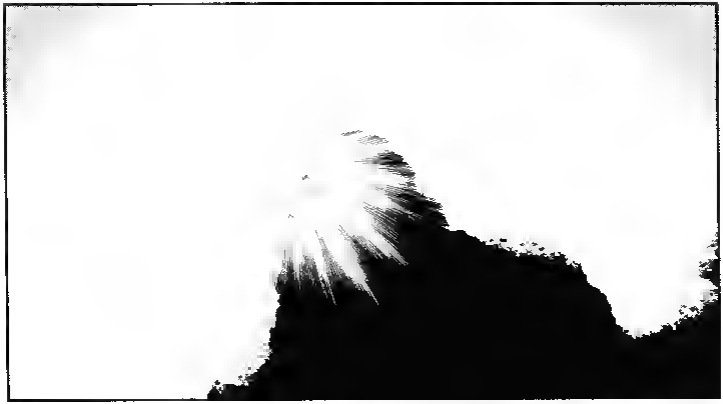

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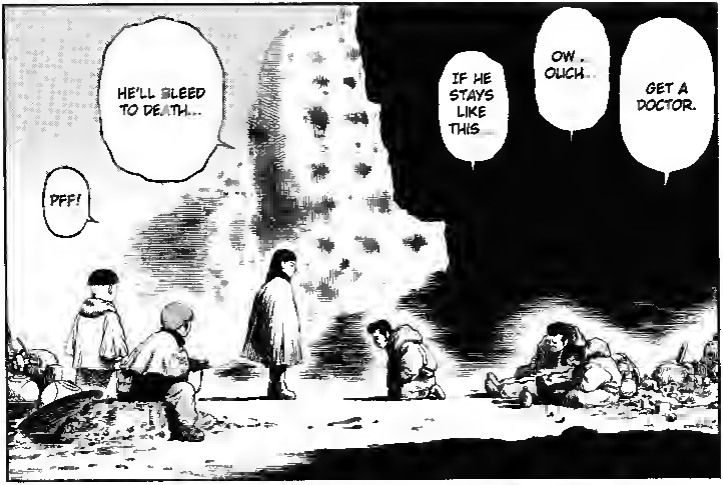
HE'LL BLEED TO DEATH...
PFF!
IF HE STAYS LIKE THIS...
OW.. OUCH..
GET A DOCTOR.

WE WE GOT THE WRONG GUY...

BEFORE THAT, LET'S TALK ABOUT KOIDEMIZU

PICKING ON MY MASTER WAS A BAD MOVE
NOT ONLY THAT
S Sorry

WE WERE IN A RUSH TO FIND THE KID AND THE PACKAGE.
NO.
DID YOU CHECK?
HE FELL INTO A PRECIPICE
HE... HE'S DEAD
PFF... THAT'S ONE HELL OF A CLIFF...
.....
IT'S AT DEEPWELL, RIGHT?
AND, WITHOUT PROPER EQUIPMENT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET DOWN THERE.
TO RESCUE SOMEONE.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO TO US?
YES.

HE CAN SHUT DOWN YOUR UNION IN A JIFFY.
HE'S A MAN OF INFLUENCE
MY FATHER WILL STEP IN.
IF ANY-THING WERE TO HAPPEN TO ME
Yeah, damn right!
AH?
I'M SURE I KNOW SOMEONE AT THE UNION.
WE'RE FROM THE SAME TOWN.
IF HE KILLS US HERE, NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW ABOUT IT.
FUCK...
WE'RE SITTING ON A GOLD MINE HERE.
YOU CAN JOIN OUR GROUP.
EVEN BETTER..
WE'LL GIVE YOU MONEY.
JUST... LET US GO..

AND THEY'RE ALL IN CAHOOTS, AREN'T THEY?
YOUR PARENTS OWN SHOPS ON MIZUKUSA STREET..
MIZUKUSA SHOPPING STREET
眼鏡
OH...
YOU MAKE DEALS WITH BANDITS, RIGHT?
THEY EVEN ROB THE CUSTOMERS WHO JUST BOUGHT STUFF
YOU BUY MERCHANDISE FROM SELLERS IN OTHER TOWNS AND THEN YOU HIRE SOME BANDITS, GIVE THEM THE SHIPPING ROUTE AND MAKE THEM ATTACK THE DELIVERY TRUCK
I'VE SEEN THROUGH YOUR LITTLE GAME
H.. HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?
カチーン

THESE GUYS CLAIM TO BE BANDITS WHEREVER THEY GO
ONE ISN'T BORN A BANDIT, NOR A STOREKEEPER.
TSS..
IF STORE-KEEPERS ARE DEALING WITH BANDITS, IT'S THE END OF EVERYTHING.
NO ONE WILL BLAME US IF WE SHOOT YOU DOWN RIGHT HERE.
Capital Punishment
ゴクリ
HOWEVER, THEY KNOW WHAT AWAITS BANDITS. CAPITAL PU-NISHMENT WITHOUT JUDGMENT.
HEH?!
WHAT?!
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MITSURU

YOU'RE GOING TO KILL THEM.
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YOU'RE JUST A BUNCH OF MURDERERS
STOP, WE'RE NOT BANDITS
NO, DON'T...
AHUH...

I... I CAN'T...
NO...
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BOO-HOO...
THEY KILLED YOUR FATHER...
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.
IT'S YOU... KANTA...
THEY'RE JUST LOWLIVES PLAYING DESERT MOBSTERS.
WHEN THEY RAIDED YOU, THEY DIDN'T HESITATE TO FIRE AT YOU.

PAH.
ONCE AGAIN, YOU'RE THE ONE TO BLAME!
END UP IN A FINE MESS BECAUSE OF YOU.
MY FATHER AND I AL-WAYS...
IF YOU DON'T AVENGE HIM, WHO WILL?
YOUR FATHER FELL FROM THE CLIFF BECAUSE OF THESE GUYS!
EH?!
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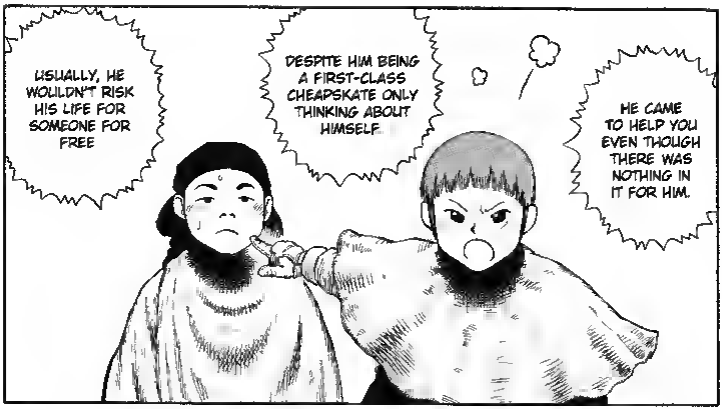
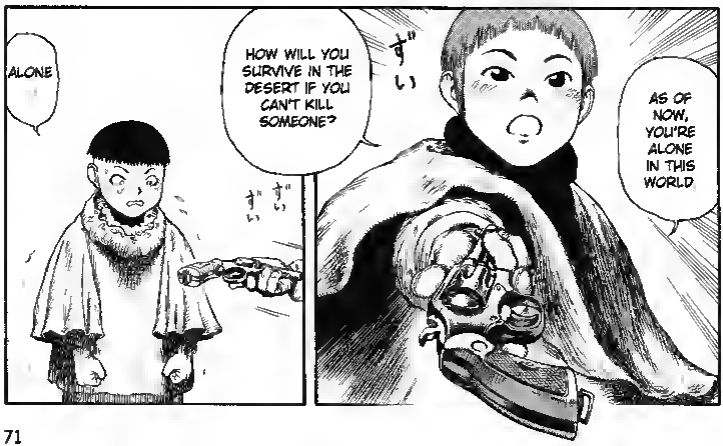
"
EVEN IF YOU'RE A BOY, YOU JUST WHINE AND TREMBLE.
BUT HE'S JUST REFRAINING FROM SAYING WHAT HE THINKS.
MY MASTER DIDN'T SAY A THING SO FAR, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SON OF HIS MASTER.
AND YOU BLAME IT ALL ON MY MASTER.


USUALLY, HE WOULDN'T RISK HIS LIFE FOR SOMEONE FOR FREE
DESPITE HIM BEING A FIRST-CLASS CHEAPSKATE ONLY THINKING ABOUT HIMSELF.
HE CAME TO HELP YOU EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT FOR HIM.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
YOU'RE NOT OPENING YOUR MOUTH LIKE USUAL
AND YOU, WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?


ALONE
HOW WILL YOU SURVIVE IN THE DESERT IF YOU CAN'T KILL SOMEONE?
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AS OF NOW, YOU'RE ALONE IN THIS WORLD

ALONE...
OW!
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UAAAH!
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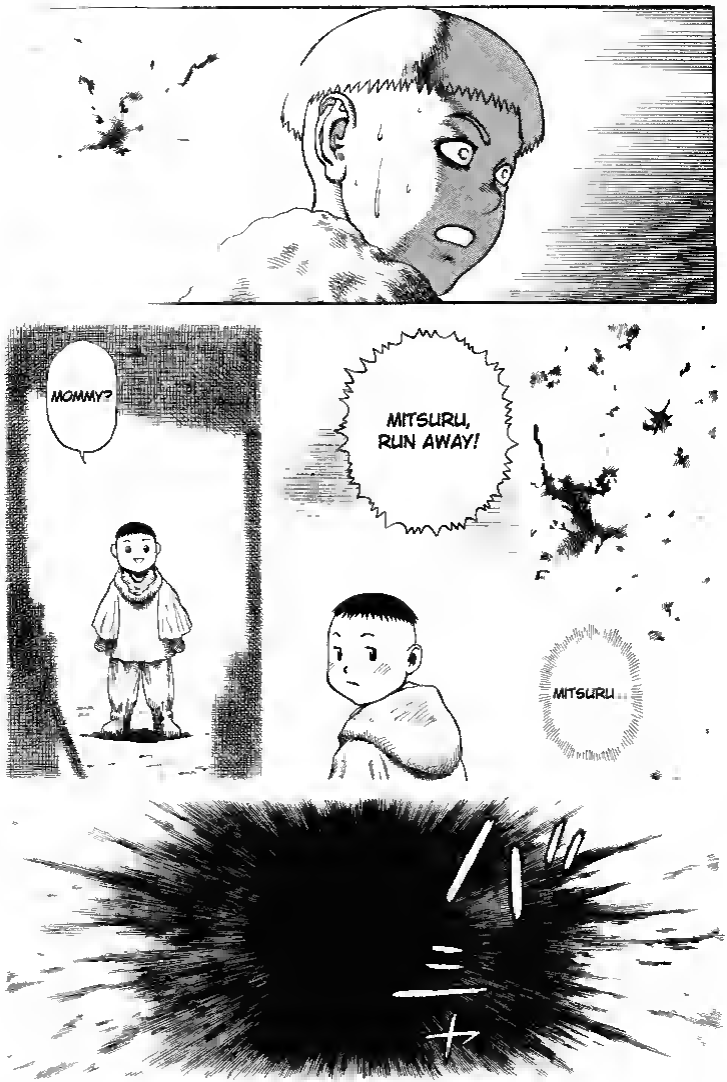
WE'RE SORRY
AH... HELP
HE KILLED YOUR FATHER
IT'S HIM.

BOOO...


MOMMY?
MITSURU, RUN AWAY!
MITSURU...

BOO...
BOOHOO
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WAAH!
ガバ
PFF.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

FUCK!
!?
SON OF A BITCH!
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BASTARD!
バキ
WAAAH...

DON'T MOVE!
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THE LITTLE ONE WILL KICK THE BUCKET TOO.
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HEHEHE! GO ON, FIRE IF YOU DARE.
I... I'M SORRY.
SERIOUSLY, TAIKO...
IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT, DON'T MIND ME! HEHEHE!
HE'S THE SON OF YOUR MASTER, ISN'T HE?

KILL HIM!
C'M'ON, DO IT, KILL HIM!
OOHF..
WHA?
GOT IT.
SHOOT THEM IMMEDIATELY.
OK, IF ONE OF THEM SUCKERS MOVES ..
HAAA
EVEN AT THIS RANGE, YOU CAN MISS YOUR SHOT.
AIM WELL

YOU WERE WRONG NOT KILLING HIM WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE
MITSURU, DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME
AFTER ALL, YOU STARTED IT
DON'T STOP
AAH...
HEEHEE!
DON'T BE SCARED!
IF YOU SHOOT, MAYBE YOU'LL MAKE IT OUT ALIVE
IF YOU ABANDON THE GAME NOW, YOU'LL DIE

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FUCK!
WAH!
SHIT!
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HUH?!
EH?!
COME, LET'S MOVE ASIDE
TSS, HE PASSED OUT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
HUH, WHY?
HIHIHI!
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AAAARGH!
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SHIT...
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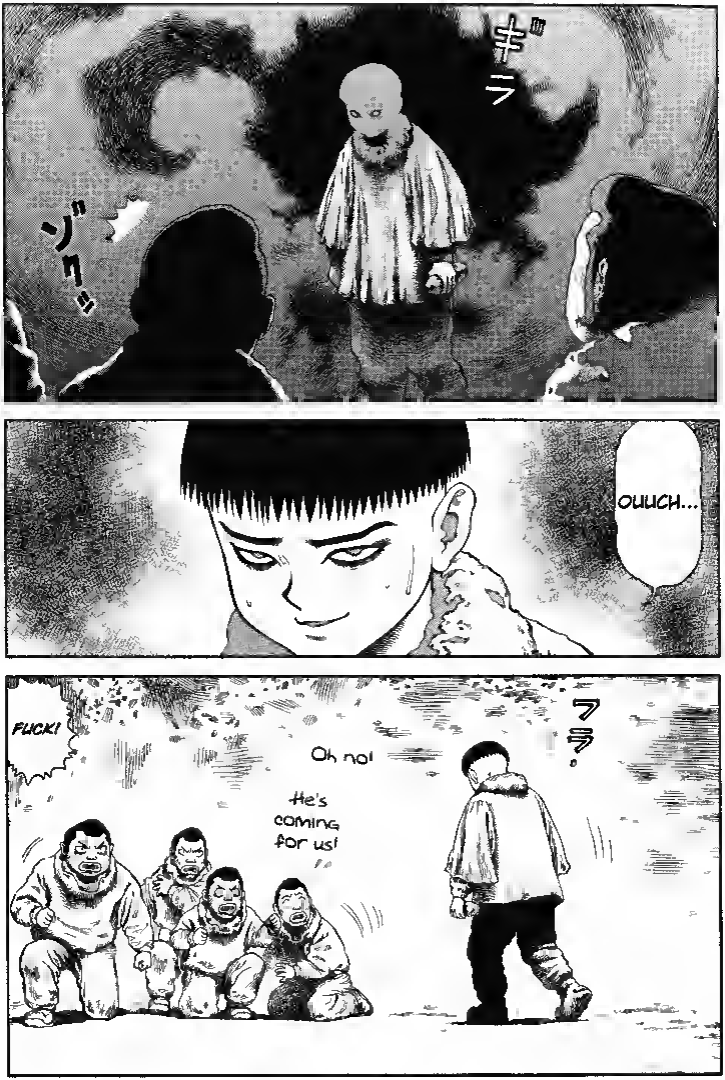
DID YOU SEE THAT?
MASTER...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OUUCH...
FUCK!
Oh no!
He's coming for us!
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You little shit...
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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?
HE'S NOT THE SAME PERSON
HE'S CRAZY STRONG!
O.M.G.
HUM.
SEE, THIS IS TARO
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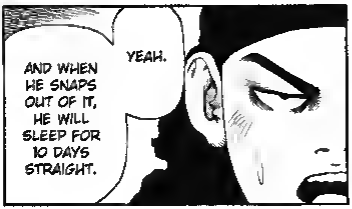
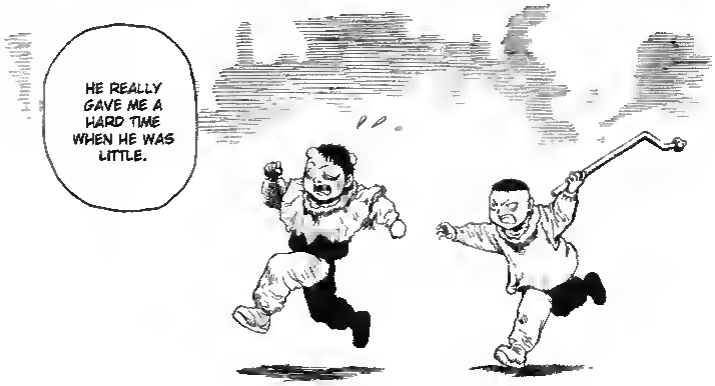
MWAHA-HAHA!
WHEN MITSURU IS OVER-WHELMED BY HIS FEAR...
HUH?
HE BECOMES TARO
What are you saying?
I UNDER-STAND THE TRANSFOR-MATION, BUT...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE
TARO RARELY SHOWS UP, BUT WHEN HE DOES...
HE'S ONE HELL OF A BEAST
ゴキ
バキ
A 12 YEAR OLD BOY IS BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF 4 GUYS
LOOK AT HIM, HE'S JUST A BLOOD THIRSTY DEMON NOW.

TO PROTECT ITSELF AND NO MATTER ITS PHYSICAL POWER...
THE HUMAN BEING HAS SOME SORT OF FAILSAFE IN ORDER NOT TO DRAIN ALL OF ITS ENERGY.
WHEN IT'S GOING ALL OUT, THE RESULT IS LIKE DYNAMITE.


YEAH.
AND WHEN HE SNAPS OUT OF IT, HE WILL SLEEP FOR 10 DAYS STRAIGHT.

IN SHORT
IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM RIGHT NOW.


HE REALLY GAVE ME A HARD TIME WHEN HE WAS LITTLE.

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SHAKING AND WHINING FOR NOTHING.
THIS CHICKEN-SHIT WAS ALWAYS HIDING BEHIND HIS FATHER...
.. TURNING HIM INTO A HORRIBLE, FIERCE AND BLOODY MONSTER
ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN HE WAS OVERCOMING HIS FEAR AND LET LOOSE, HIS CHARACTER WAS CHANGING COMPLETELY...
TARO.
MY MASTER THEN GAVE HIM THE NAME OF

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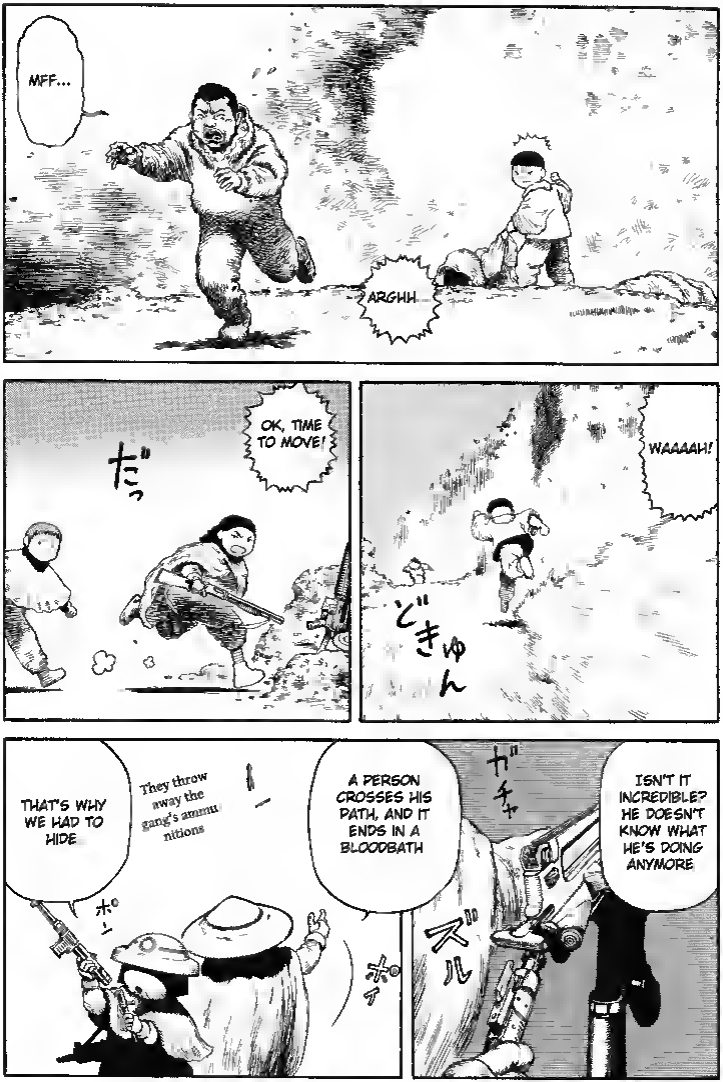
MFF...
ARGHH
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OK, TIME TO MOVE!
どきゅん
WAAAAH!
THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO HIDE
They throw away the gang's ammunitions
A PERSON CROSSES HIS PATH, AND IT ENDS IN A BLOODBATH
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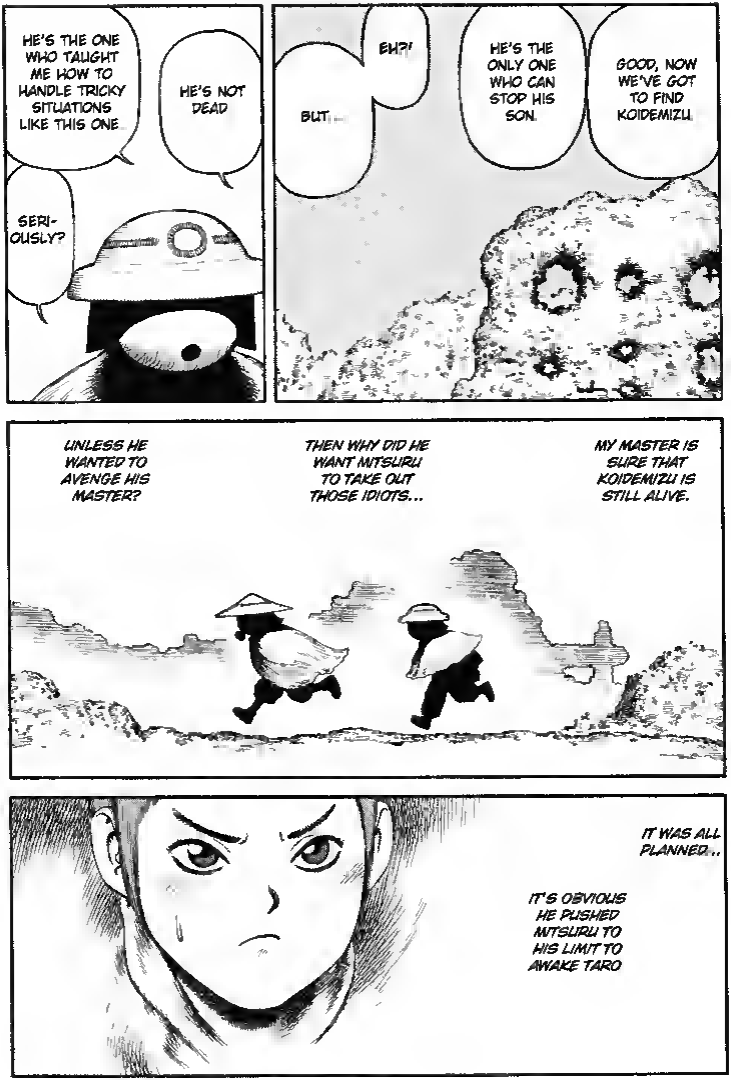
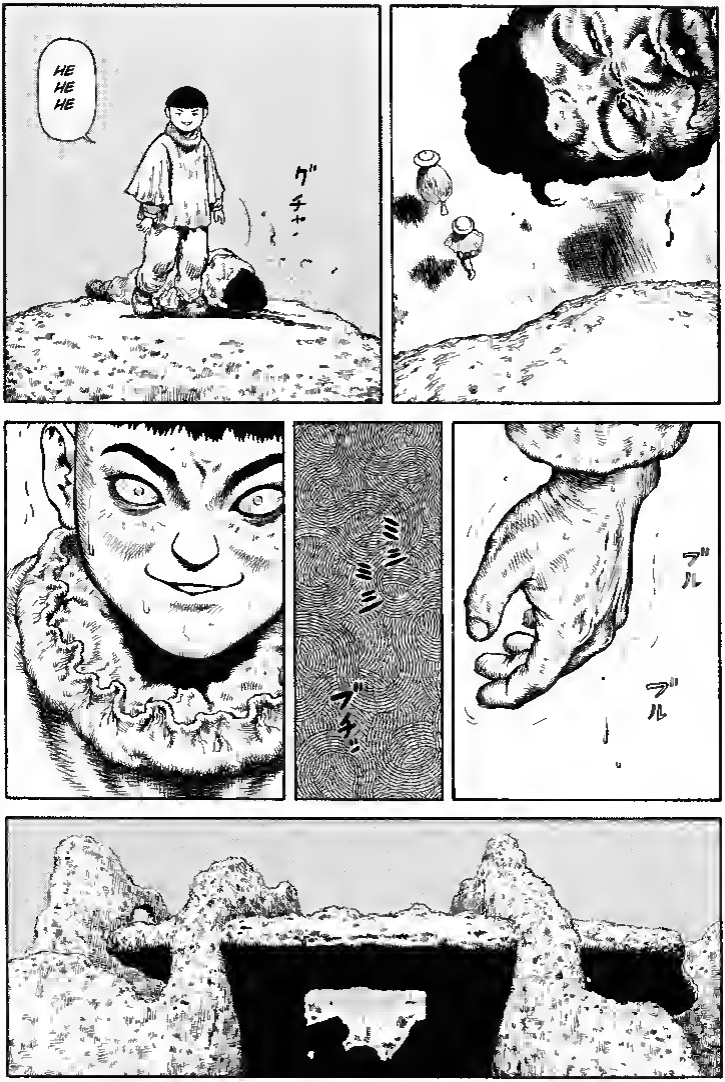
ズル
ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE? HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING ANYMORE


HE'S THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO HANDLE TRICKY SITUATIONS LIKE THIS ONE
HE'S NOT DEAD
SERI-OUSLY?
BUT...
EH?!
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP HIS SON.
GOOD, NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIND KOIDEMIZU.
UNLESS HE WANTED TO AVENGE HIS MASTER?
THEN WHY DID HE WANT MITSURU TO TAKE OUT THOSE IDIOTS...
MY MASTER IS SURE THAT KOIDEMIZU IS STILL ALIVE.
IT WAS ALL PLANNED...
IT'S OBVIOUS HE PUSHED MITSURU TO HIS LIMIT TO AWAKE TARO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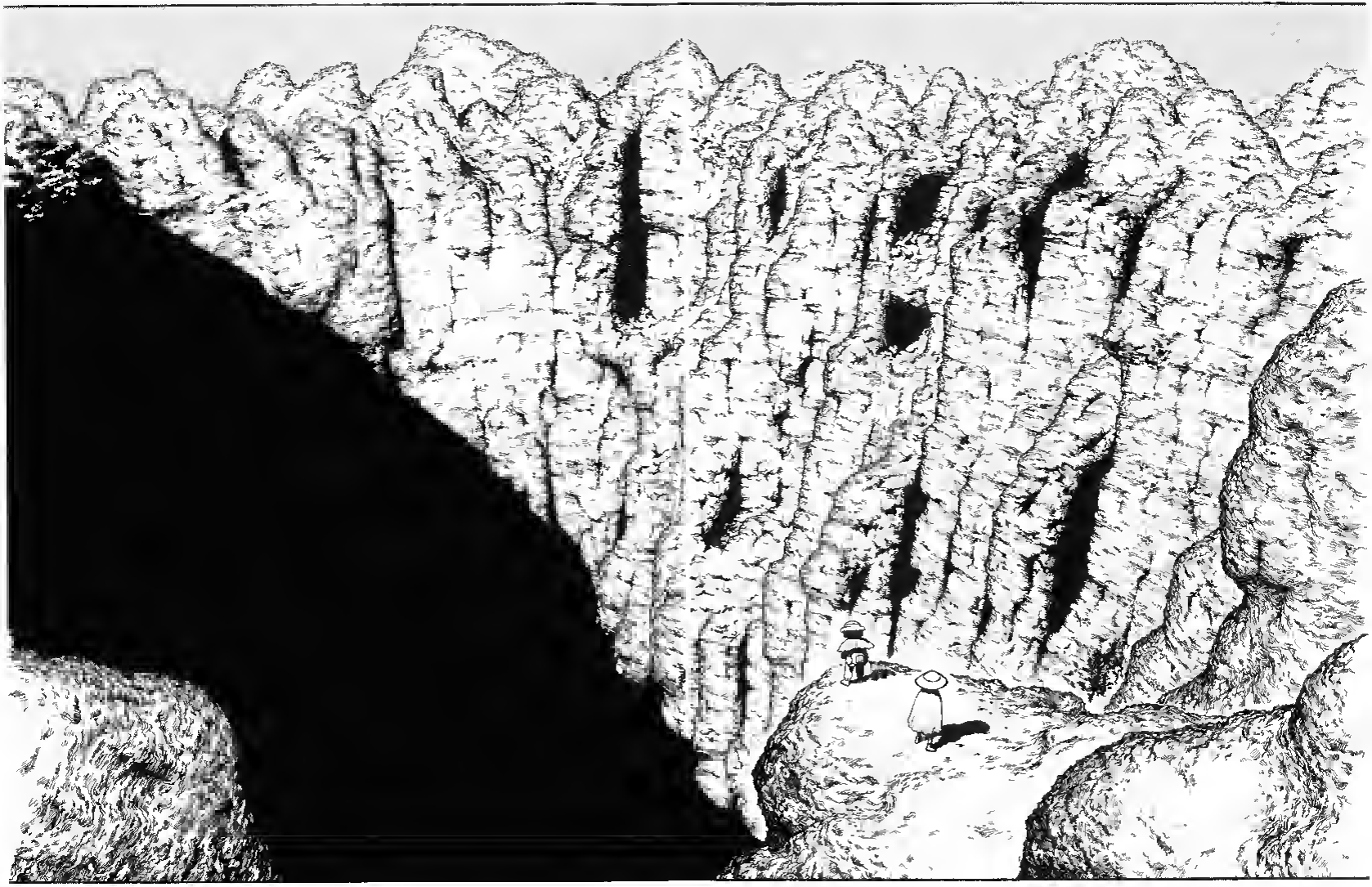

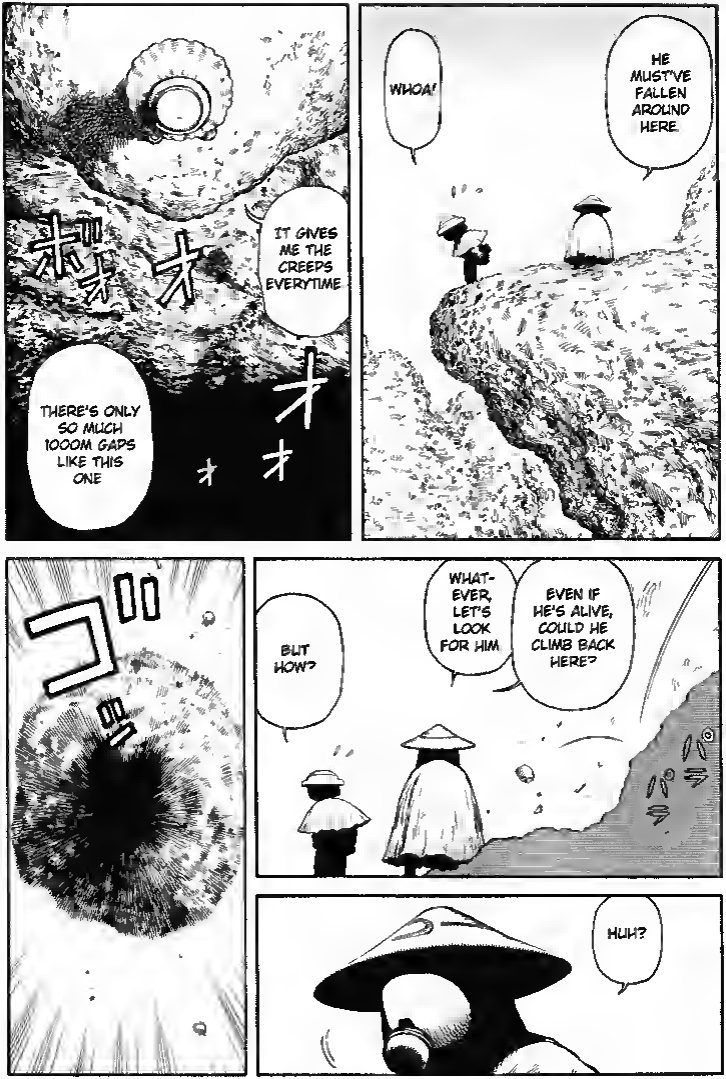
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IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS EVERYTIME
THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH 1000M GAPS LIKE THIS ONE
WHOA!
HE MUST'VE FALLEN AROUND HERE
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BUT HOW?
WHATEVER, LET'S LOOK FOR HIM
EVEN IF HE'S ALIVE, COULD HE CLIMB BACK HERE?
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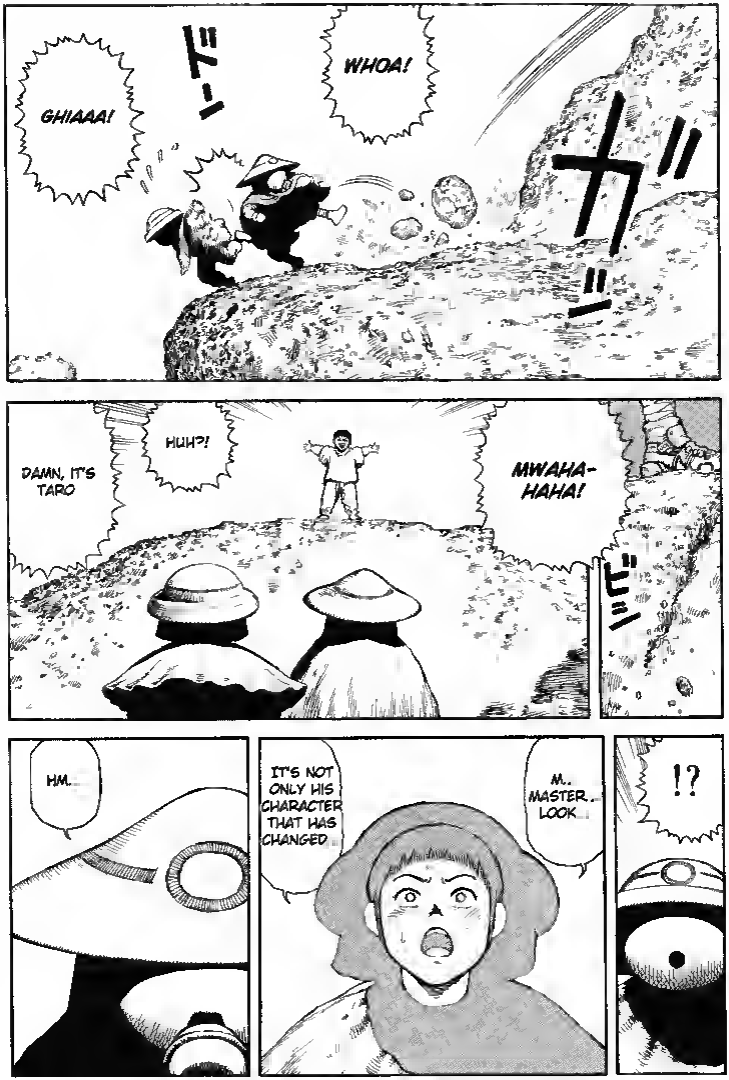
HUH?


GHIAAA!
WHOA!
DAMN, IT'S TARO
HUH?!
MWAHA-HAHA!
HM.
IT'S NOT ONLY HIS CHARACTER THAT HAS CHANGED
M.. MASTER.. LOOK
!?

IT'S HIDEOUS.
HIS BODY TOO
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CHICKEN-SHIT..
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
KANTAAA!

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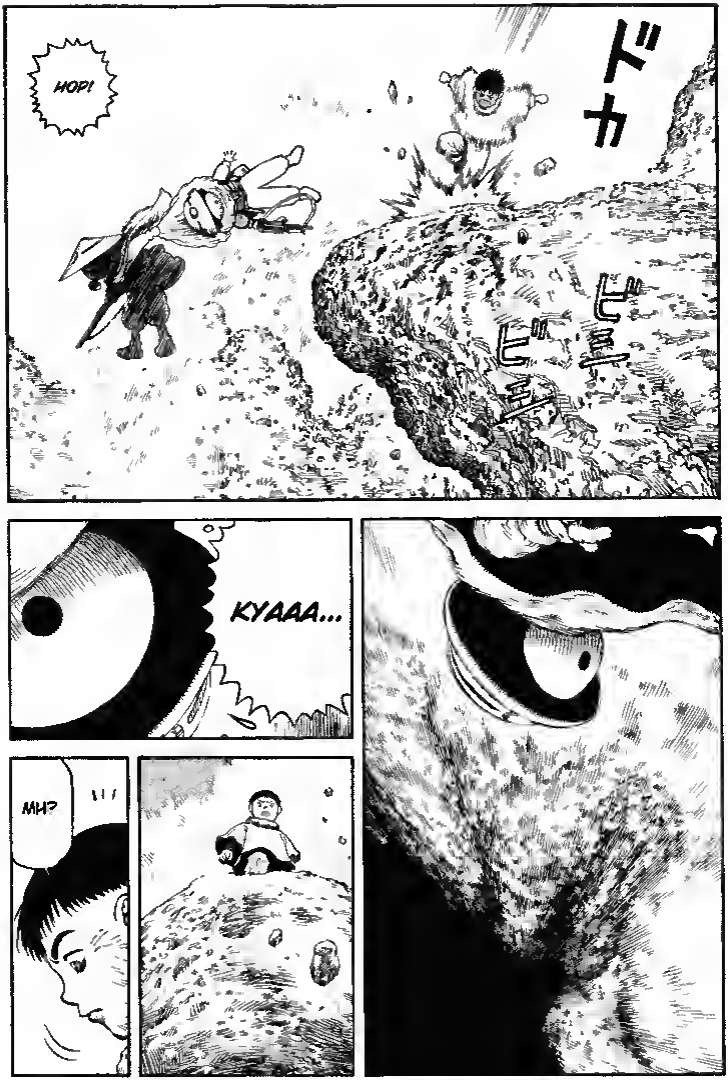
AH?!
DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME A CHICKEN-SHIT.


HOP!
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KYAAA...
MH?
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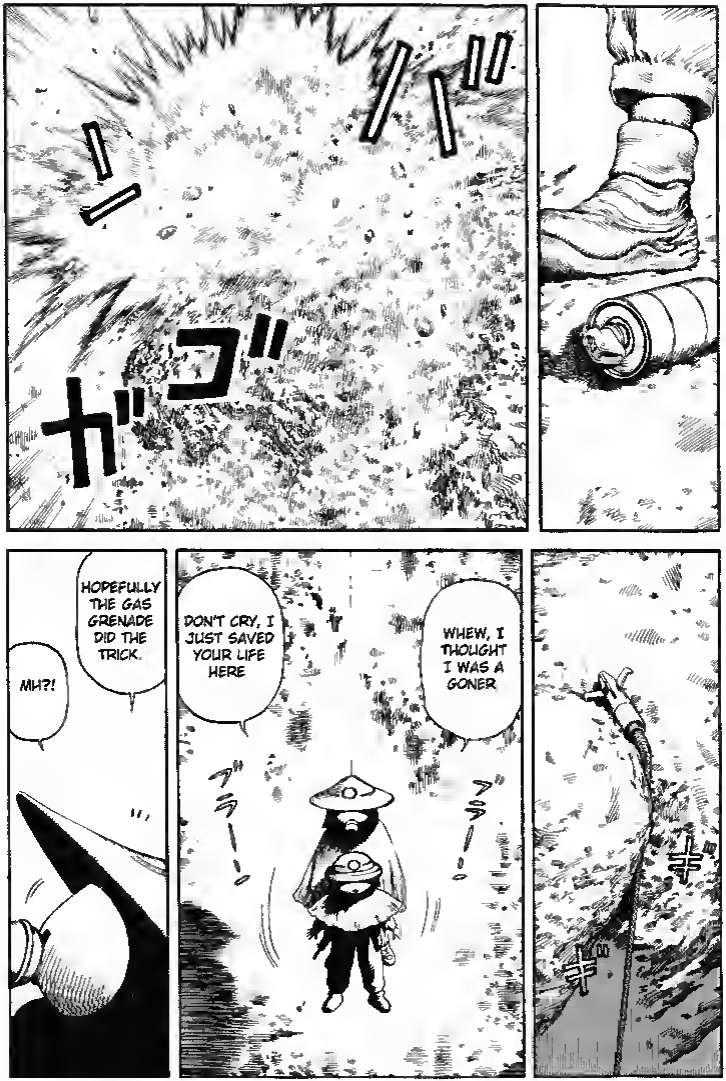
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HOPEFULLY THE GAS GRENADE DID THE TRICK.
MH?!
DON'T CRY, I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE HERE
WHEW, I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER
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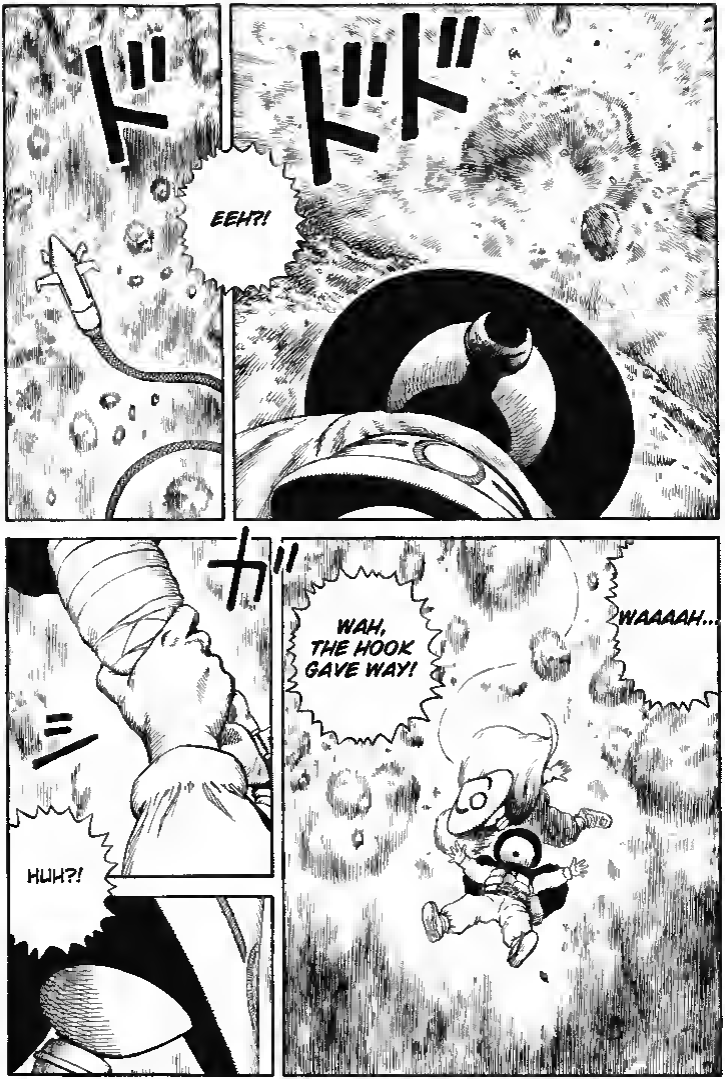
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EEH?!
ガ!!
HUH?!
WAH, THE HOOK GAVE WAY!
WAAAAH...

MASTER ...
MASTER ...
MASTER ...
HERE HE COMES AGAIN!
ミュルル
カリーナ
ペリリュ
カリーン
ガリ
ガリ
ドゥドゥドゥ
ガキッ
カチャ
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HUMPF!
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GHIAAA...
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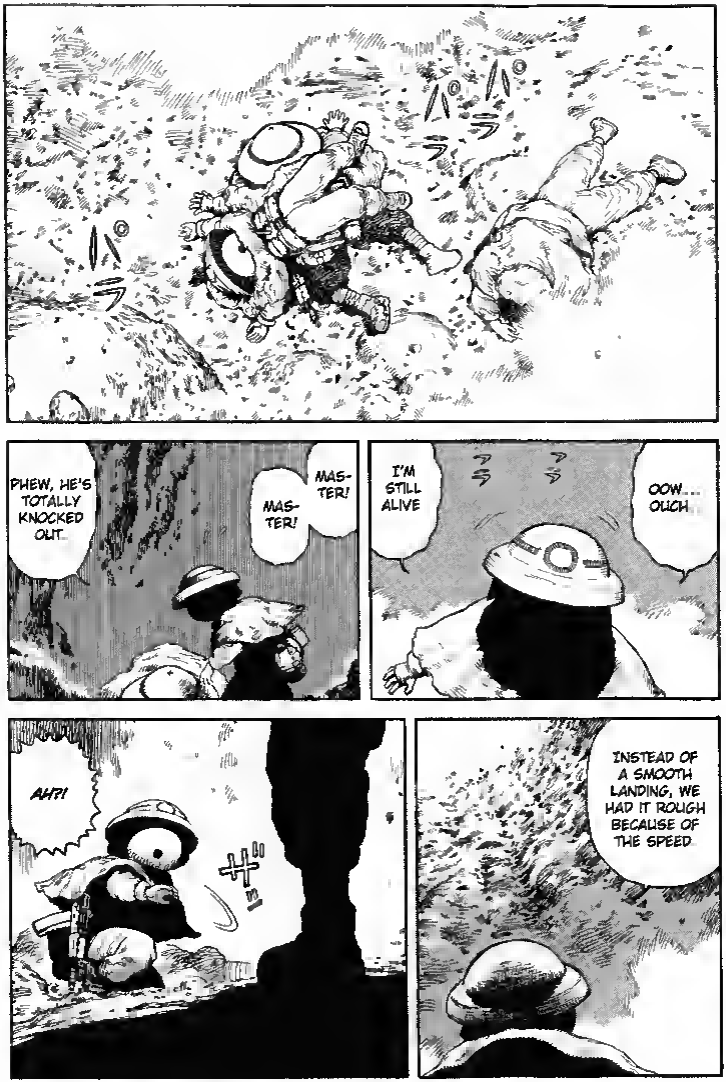
PHEW, HE'S TOTALLY KNOCKED OUT
MAS-TER!
MAS-TER!
I'M STILL ALIVE
OOW... OUCH
AH?!
INSTEAD OF A SMOOTH LANDING, WE HAD IT ROUGH BECAUSE OF THE SPEED

NO!
WOUA-HAHA!
I CAN'T KILL HIM.
WHAT CAN I DO?
AAAH, DANG IT!

WAAAAH!
HEY!

IT'S...
AH...
TARO...

KOIDEMIZU!
MY MASTER WAS RIGHT.
HE WAS ALIVE.
SLEEP NOW.
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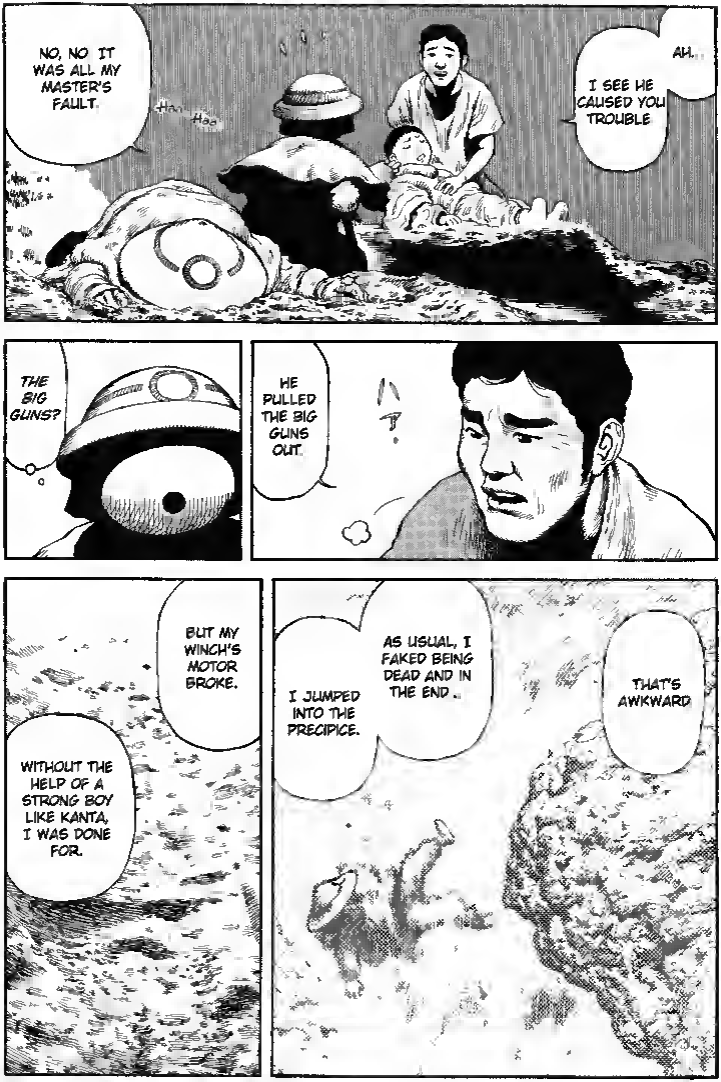
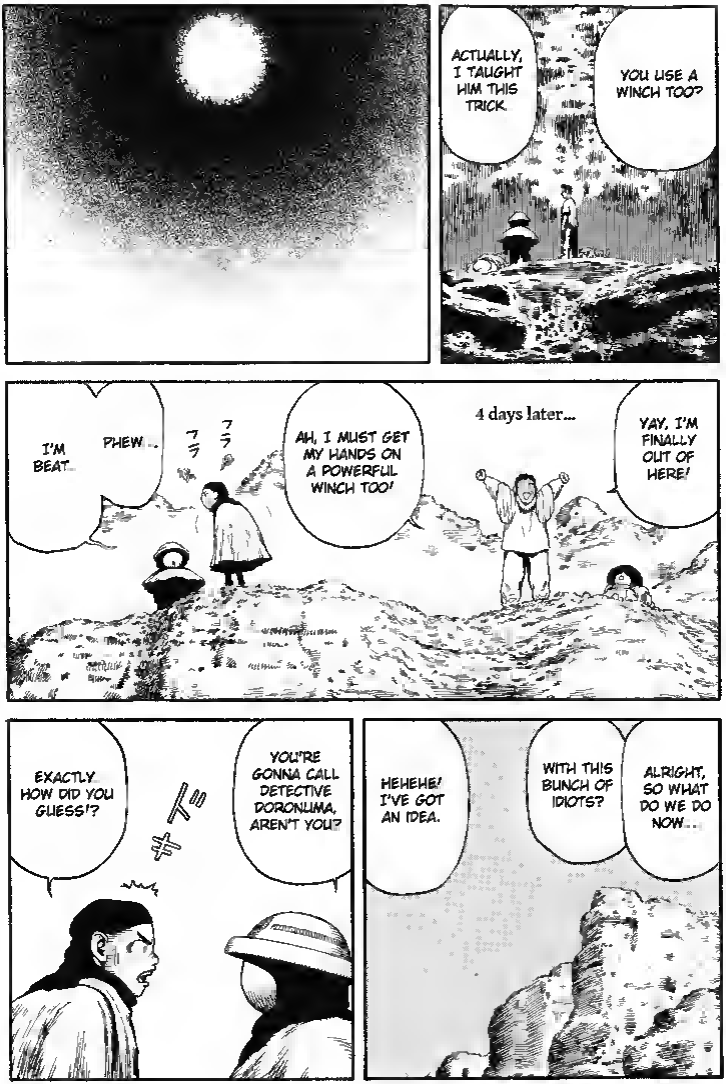
WHOA!


NO, NO IT WAS ALL MY MASTER'S FAULT.
Hah... Haa
AH... I SEE HE CAUSED YOU TROUBLE
THE BIG GUNS?
HE PULLED THE BIG GUNS OUT.
!?
BUT MY WINCH'S MOTOR BROKE.
WITHOUT THE HELP OF A STRONG BOY LIKE KANTA, I WAS DONE FOR.
I JUMPED INTO THE PRECIPICE.
AS USUAL, I FAKED BEING DEAD AND IN THE END ..
THAT'S AWKWARD


ACTUALLY, I TAUGHT HIM THIS TRICK.
YOU USE A WINCH TOO?
I'M BEAT...
PHEW...
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AH, I MUST GET MY HANDS ON A POWERFUL WINCH TOO!
4 days later...
YAY, I'M FINALLY OUT OF HERE!
EXACTLY. HOW DID YOU GUESS!?
YOU'RE GONNA CALL DETECTIVE DORONUMA, AREN'T YOU?
HEHEHE! I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
WITH THIS BUNCH OF IDIOTS?
ALRIGHT, SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW...

He was already like this when he was a kid.
HEHEHE ! THE STOREKEEPERS OF MIZUKUSA STREET WILL BE WIPED OFF THE MAP.
He seems awfully happy about it.
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Have a safe trip!
YES, THE "HULK DISEASE".
MITSURU'S ILLNESS, ISN'T IT...
HM...?
MASTER...

I KNOW. THEY SAY EVERYBODY IS INFECTED, AND THAT THE VIRUS WILL EVENTUALLY WAKE UP
IT'S CAUSED BY A VIRUS FROM THE ANKOKU ERA
THAT'S RIGHT
AH, THAT'S WHY YOU USED THOSE BIG GUNS OF YOURS?
COME AGAIN?
HE FELL ILL AROUND THAT TIME.
WHEN HE WAS 3 YEARS OLD, MITSURU SUFFERED A BIG PSYCHO-LOGICAL TRAUMA
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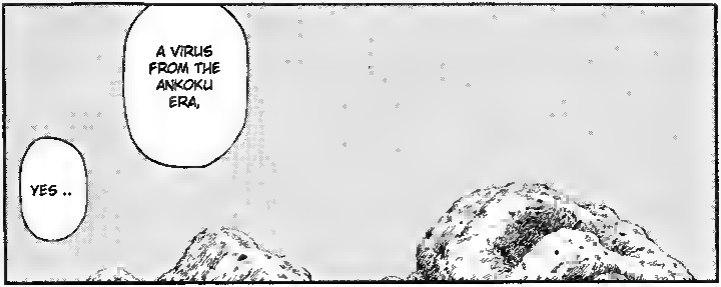
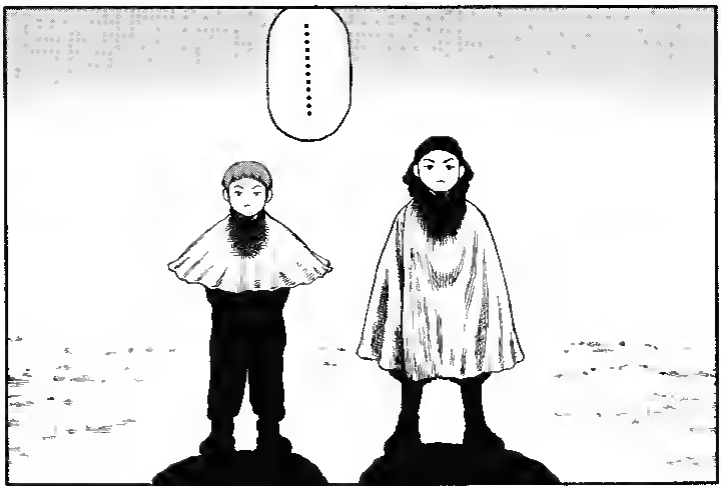
TO CONTROL SOMEONE LIKE TARO JUST LIKE HIS FA-THER DOES
NO, I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN...
You're talking nonsense once again
I don't think so
WHAT ARE BABBLING ABOUT?
FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, ISN'T IT?
Aren't you trying to change the character of weak people in order for them not to catch this disease?


A VIRUS FROM THE ANKOKU ERA,
YES ..

THEIR GOAL IS TO REDISCOVER THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE FROM BACK THEN
THE GROUP WE'RE TRYING TO HELP..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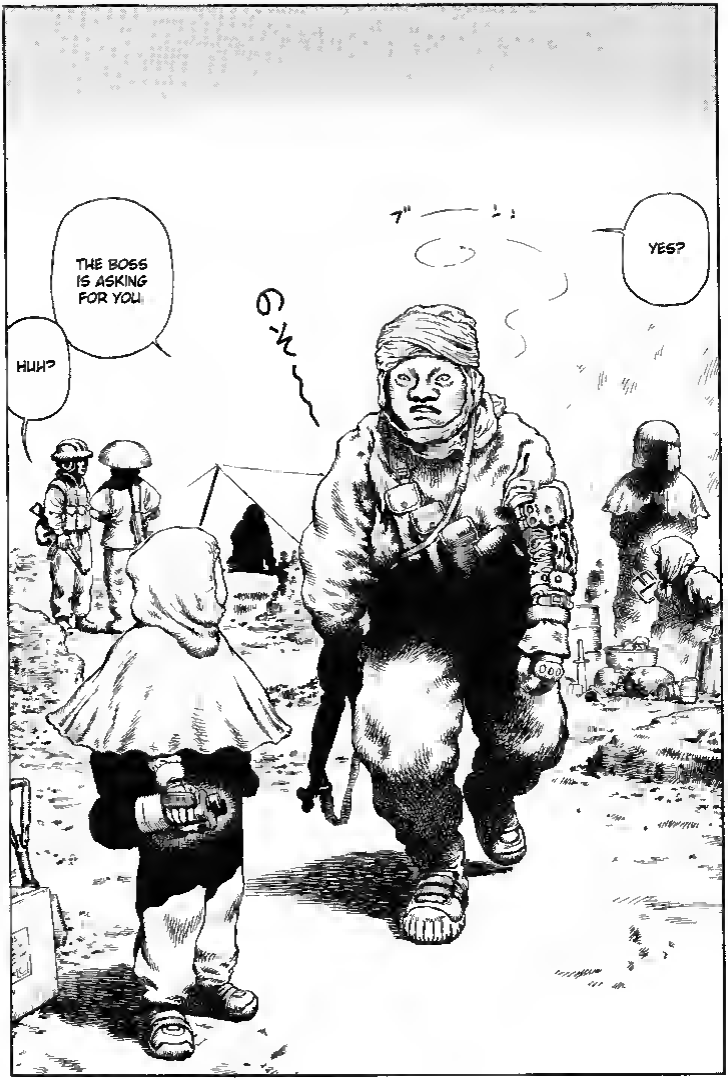
KOIZUMI



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OK, THANKS.
HURRY UP, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR YOU.
If he touches Masako
I'll definitely kill him
I'll kill him
C'mon! C'mon!
I FEEL LIKE I'M SURROUNDED BY REAL BANDITS.
Haa
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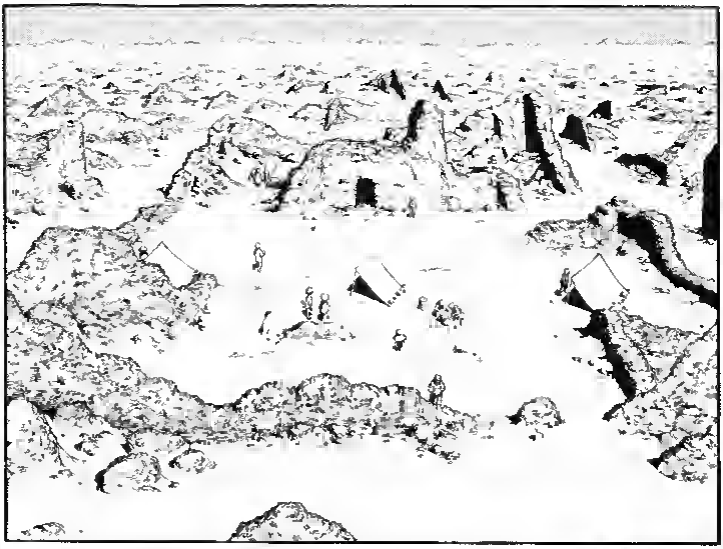
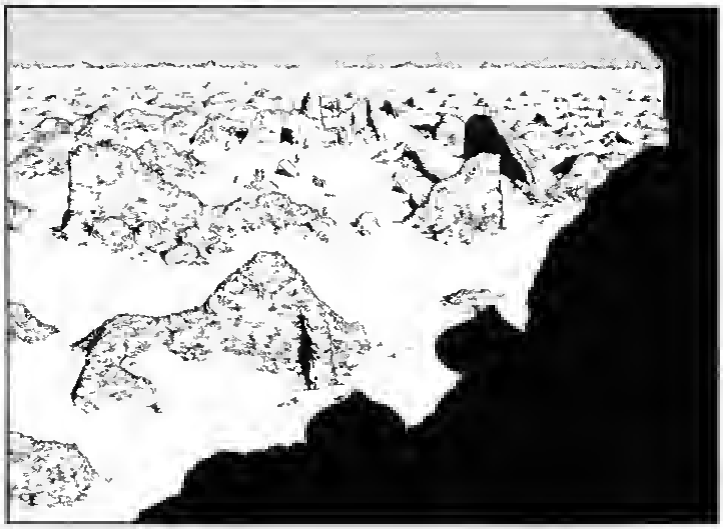
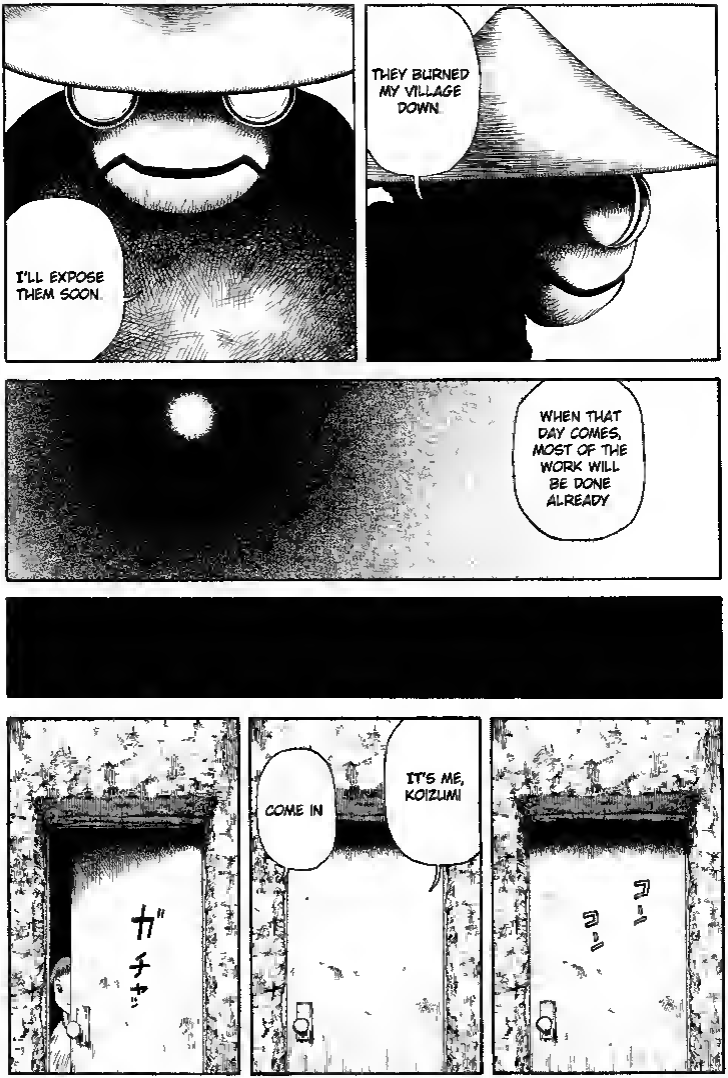
Haaaa
Hey, they're gonna fight!





HUM.
THEY'RE BANDITS ALRIGHT
THERE WAS A HUNDRED CASUALTIES
THESE GUYS ALREADY TOOK DOWN 4 MILITARY UNITS.
IT'S REALLY THEM THIS TIME
IF THEY'RE THE GROUP WE'RE LOOKING FOR, THEY REALLY LOOK LIKE ASSASSINS
IT'S A GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED ASSASSINS
AND LEAVE A BLOODBATH BEHIND THEM.
THEY SHOW UP ON MOONLESS NIGHTS...


I'LL EXPOSE THEM SOON.
THEY BURNED MY VILLAGE DOWN.
WHEN THAT DAY COMES, MOST OF THE WORK WILL BE DONE ALREADY
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COME IN
IT'S ME, KOIZUMI
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OH!
I DID
YOU ASKED FOR ME?
WE DIDN'T.

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WELL, IT'S NORMAL... TWO MONSTERS OF THE KANTO DESERT, THE ONE OF LUXURY AND THE ONE OF CUPIDITY
FACE TO FACE, IN A SMALL ROOM.
WHAT A STIFLING ATMOSPHERE!
THE TENSION IS PALPABLE IN HERE!
WHY AREN'T MASARU AND THE OTHERS WITH YOU?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
AH, THERE YOU ARE!
HE'S JUST LEAVING THEM STEW IN THEIR OWN JUICE TO GET THE MOST OF THE BARGAIN
A ONE ON ONE TALK?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ON WATCH DUTY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO ME
OK, OK
IF YOU WISH TO BE PART OF THEIR GROUP.
HE KICKED THEM OUT TO HAVE A ONE ON ONE TALK WITH ME
One on one?

HONEST PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
YOU HAVE TO BE WITHOUT SCRUPLES TO INVOLVE SMALL FRIES IN STUPID-ASS STUFF
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK
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YOU HAVE A TWISTED MIND, AS USUAL.
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WAAH!
HAHAHA HAHA!
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AREN'T YOU INVOLVED TOO?
YOU DON'T SAY!

I INTEND TO JOIN THESE PEOPLE
I HAVE THINGS TO TELL YOU, HONESTLY.
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CONTACT ME TEN YEARS FROM NOW..
I ALSO NEED YOU.
BECAUSE YOU'D NEVER AGREE TO JOIN THEIR GROUP.
EEEH?!
I THOUGHT YOU NAMED MY MASTER TO BOTHER THEM..
SURELY YOU'VE NOTICED THAT...
YOU CAN'T LIVE IN A CAREFREE-NESS WAY ANYMORE.

THE END OF THE KANTO DESERT IS NIGH.
OH, KNOWING THOSE TWO, THAT MUST SOME INCON-SEQUENTIAL BULLSHIT ALRIGHT.
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE DISCUSSING.
PFF—
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
TODAY'S PURPOSE WAS TO LET HIM MEET WITH SUNABO-ZU.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Haa

WE'VE GOT VISI-TORS
TWO PEOPLE.
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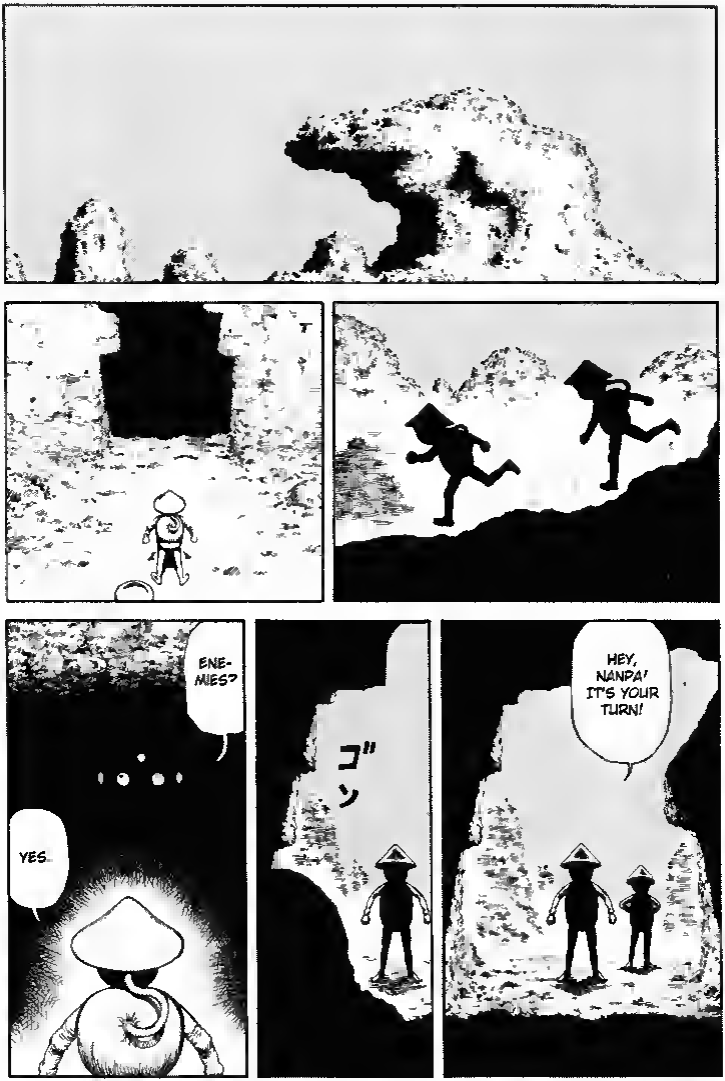
STAY ON WATCH
UNDER-STOOD.
K-KAC...
K... KAIDO, WHAT'S...
バタン
THANKS.
I'LL CHECK IT OUT.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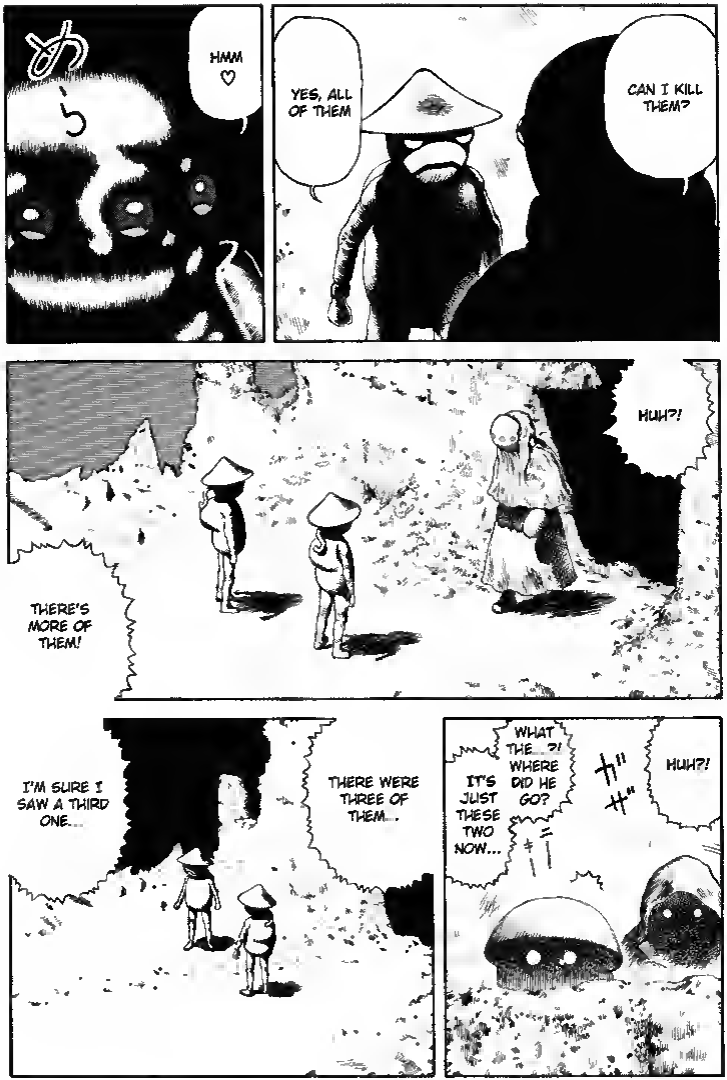
HEY,
NANPA!
IT'S YOUR
TURN!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YES, ALL OF THEM
CAN I KILL THEM?
HUH?!
THERE'S MORE OF THEM!
I'M SURE I SAW A THIRD ONE...
THERE WERE THREE OF THEM...
WHAT THE...?! WHERE DID HE GO?
IT'S JUST THESE TWO NOW...
HUH?!

AND EVEN IF HE KILLS THEM ALL, IN THE END THEY'RE JUST BANDITS.
SENDING HIM TO CONFRONT THEM WILL GIVE US A GOOD IDEA OF THEIR FORCE.
EVEN NANPA WILL BE NO MATCH FOR THEM.
AND IF THEY'RE THE ASSASSINS GROUP WE'RE LOOKING FOR?
IT'S NOT VERY NICE OF YOU TO SAY THAT.
AND IF HE DIES THERE, IT'S NO BIG DEAL, HE'S MADE FOR IT.
WE'LL SEE WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.
IN ANY CASE, IT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE
HEHEHE

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MASTER...
TEN YEARS FROM NOW, IT'LL BE OVER.
YES. IF THINGS DON'T CHANGE
THE KANTO DESERT WILL DIS-APPEAR...

HUH?!
AND WHAT IF THOSE TREASURES WERE TO DISAPPEAR...?
OBVIOUSLY, IT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE TREASURES FROM THE ANKOKU ERA BURIED HERE
Even a child can answer this.
WHY SO MANY PEOPLE GATHERED IN THIS DREADFUL DESERT?
Don't take me for a fool!
THERE'S NOTHING ANYWHERE
TO LIVE HERE.
IT WOULD BE POINTLESS
BUT THEN, WHERE COULD WE GO?
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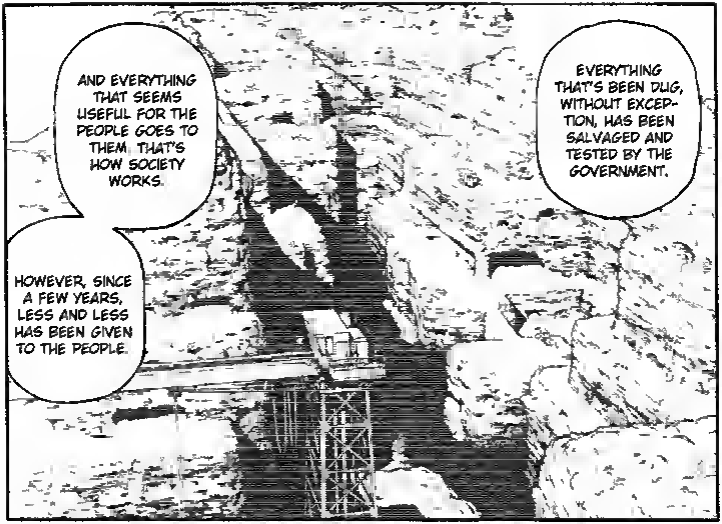
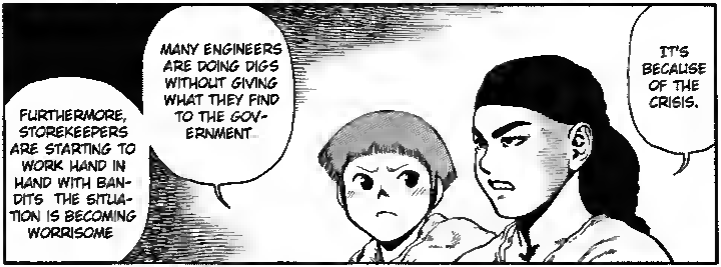
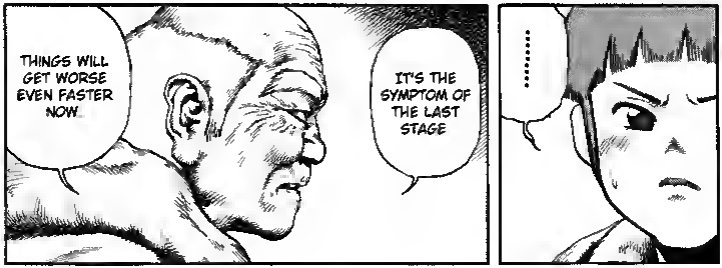
DRIVEN SOLELY BY THE LURE OF MONEY IS DOOMED TO DISAPPEAR.
A LONG TIME AGO, I UNDERSTOOD THAT A SOCIETY


EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN DUG, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, HAS BEEN SALVAGED AND TESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
AND EVERYTHING THAT SEEMS USEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE GOES TO THEM. THAT'S HOW SOCIETY WORKS.
HOWEVER, SINCE A FEW YEARS, LESS AND LESS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE.


IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS.
MANY ENGINEERS ARE DOING DIGS WITHOUT GIVING WHAT THEY FIND TO THE GOVERNMENT.
FURTHERMORE, STOREKEEPERS ARE STARTING TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH BANDITS. THE SITUATION IS BECOMING WORRISOME


IT'S THE SYMPTOM OF THE LAST STAGE
THINGS WILL GET WORSE EVEN FASTER NOW.
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OPPRESSING THEM IS LIKE SUICIDE.
EVERYTHING WE'VE FOUND, WE OWE IT TO THE WORKERS.
DOES THE GOVERNMENT HAVE A STRANGLEHOLD ON EVERY DISCOVERY?
TO THE PEOPLE, THOSE ARE ONLY DANGEROUS ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY HAVE NO USE.
A NEW GENERATION OF PRODUCTS?
THESE LAST YEARS, EVERY DISCOVERY HAD BEEN RECYCLED INTO A NEW GENERATION OF PRODUCTS
AND HOW?
WE HAVE TO ACT.
WE CAN'T SIT IDLY BY.
ONLY HIGH-TECH PRODUCTS.

WHAT?
NO... NOTHING...
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BY CREATING A HEALTHY SOCIETY, ABLE TO PROVIDE TO ITS BASIC NEEDS
ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?
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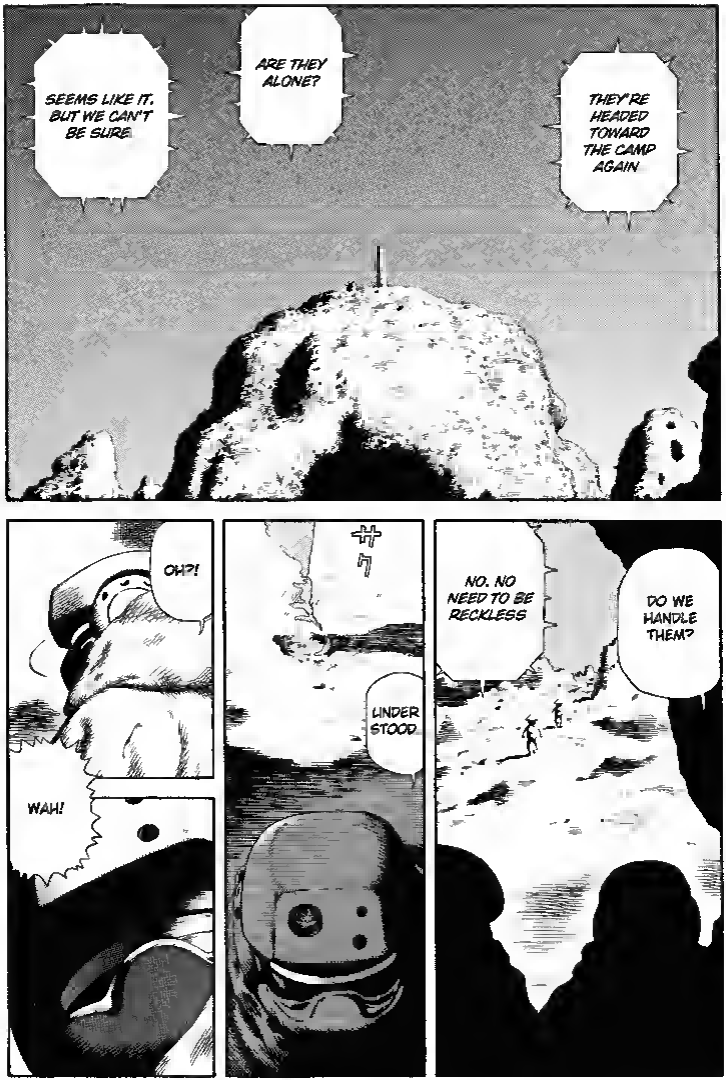
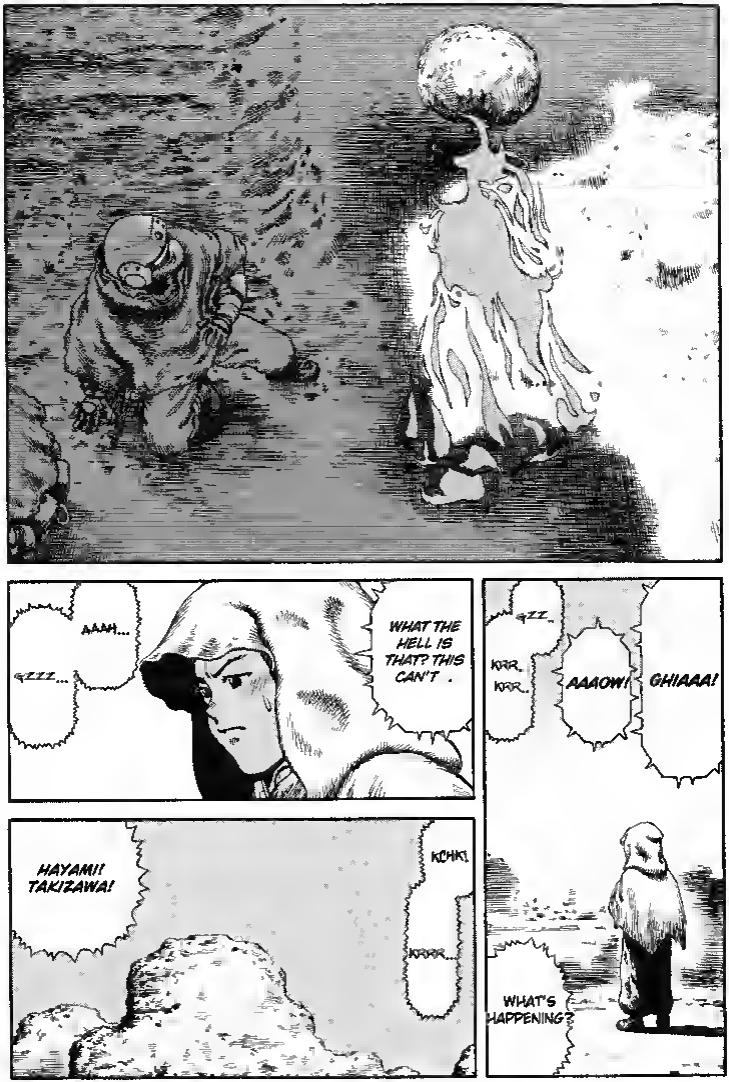
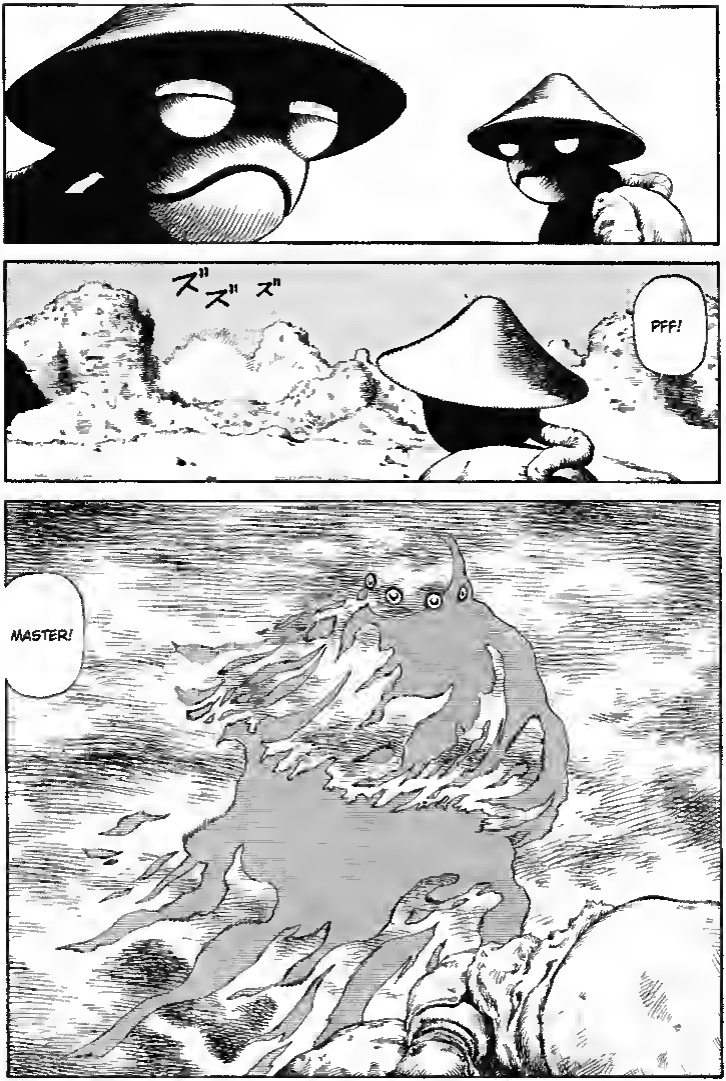
WE'RE DONE
EH?!
KAIZUKA-SAN IS HUNGRY
HM? WHERE'S NATSUKO?
OUTSIDE IT APPEARS WE HAVE SOME VISITORS
WHAT?!
I DON'T KNOW WHO JUST GO AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
EH?!


SEEMS LIKE IT. BUT WE CAN'T BE SURE
ARE THEY ALONE?
THEY'RE HEADED TOWARD THE CAMP AGAIN
OH?!
WAH!
UNDER STOOD
NO. NO NEED TO BE RECKLESS
DO WE HANDLE THEM?


AAAH...
qzzz...
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT? THIS CAN'T .
qzz...
KRR.
KRR.
AAAOW!
GHIAAA!
HAYAMI! TAKIZAWA!
KCHK!
KRRR...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
They're disguised as bandits
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
THEY'RE ALL BUSY.
BUT... YOUR MEN ARE RIGHT HERE..
SINCE YOU'RE FREE, YOU'LL GO SCOUT AHEAD
IT'S TIME TO SHOW THEM OUR SKILLS!
Waah
Natsuko is asking us a favor
HUH?!
FOR REAL?!
YOU'LL BE PAID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PFF!
MASTER!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF KAIZUKA'S LAST WORDS?
WHAT?
THEN YOU'LL MAKE YOUR MOVE
IT'LL TAKE A LONG TIME TO CREATE A HEALTHY SOCIETY.
MEANWHILE, WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY IN ITS CURRENT STATE.
IT IS OUR MISSION.
EH?!
IT MEANS THAT THEY'RE GONNA TAKE A CRAP...
AND THAT WE'LL HAVE TO WIPE THEIR ASS

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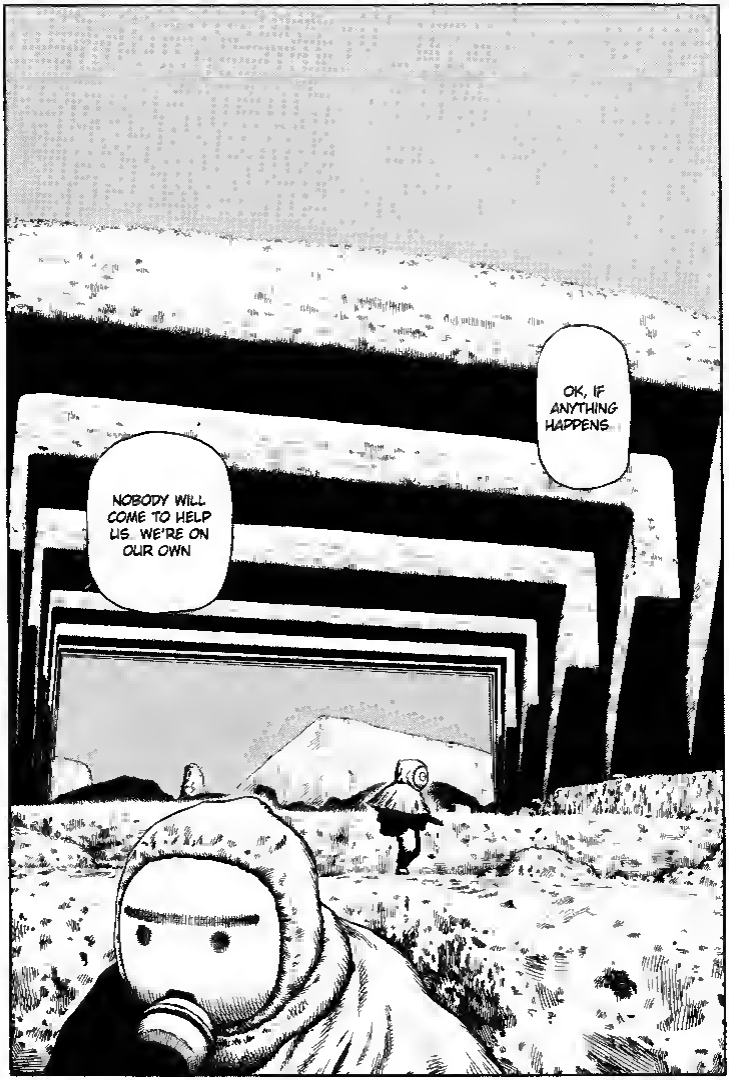
STAY PRUDENT NONETHE-LESS
I CAN'T SEND ANYONE ELSE.
AS LONG AS IKEDA AND KAIZUKA ARE HERE...
BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON THEM.
THERE ARE SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE ROAMING AROUND HERE


OK, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS...
NOBODY WILL COME TO HELP US. WE'RE ON OUR OWN

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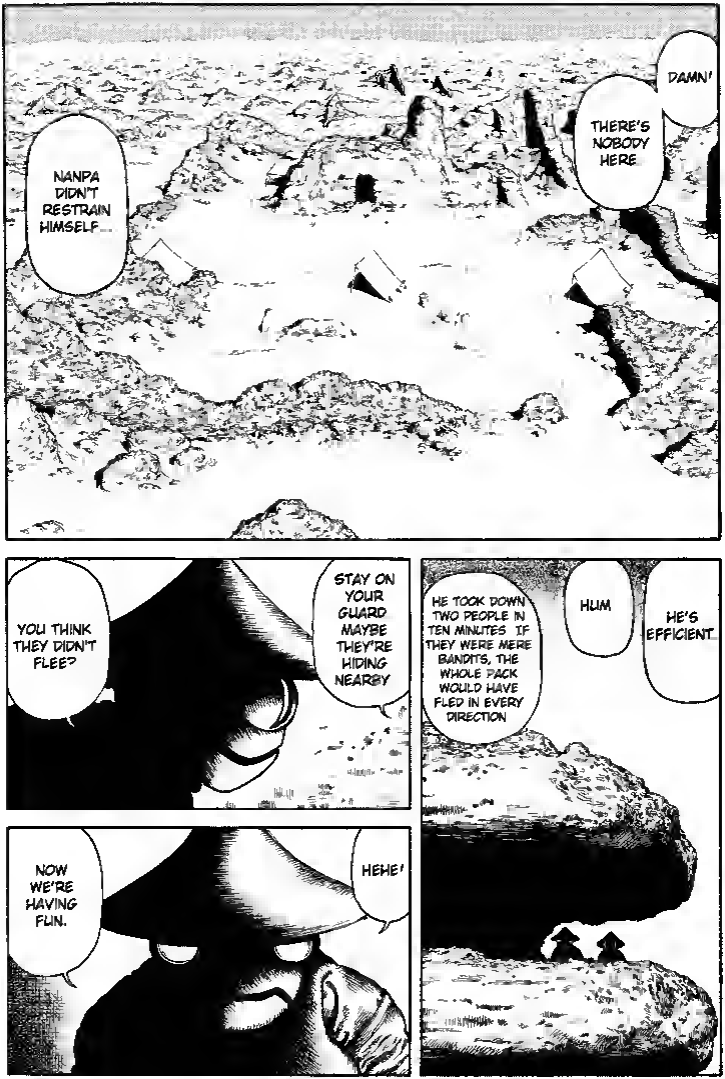
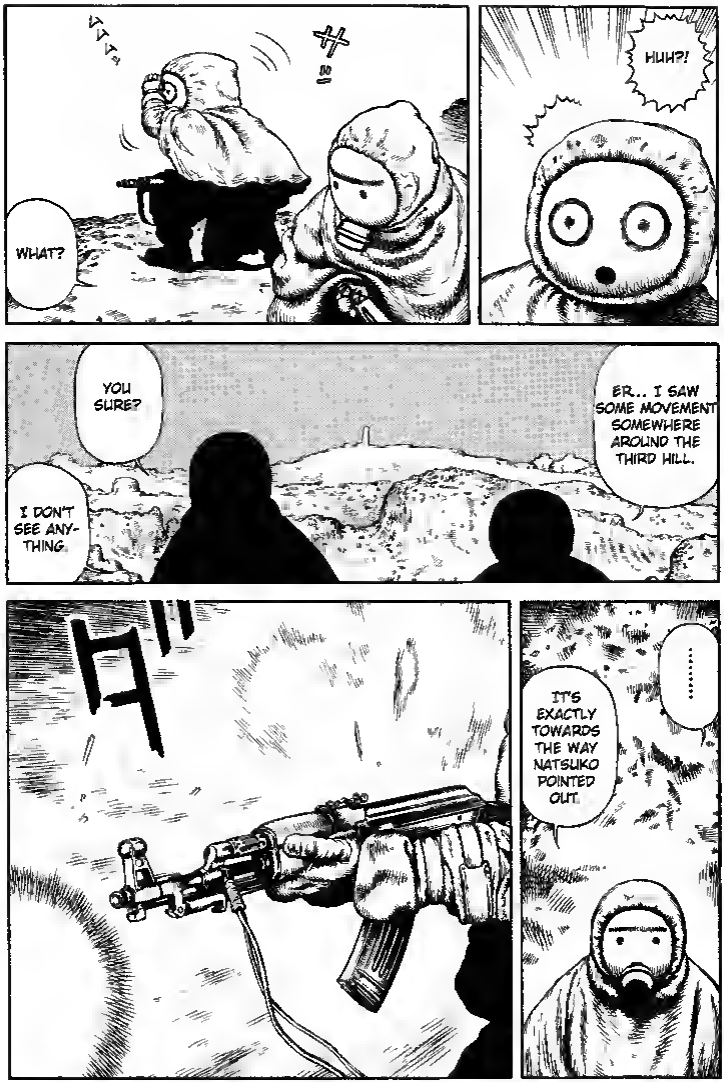
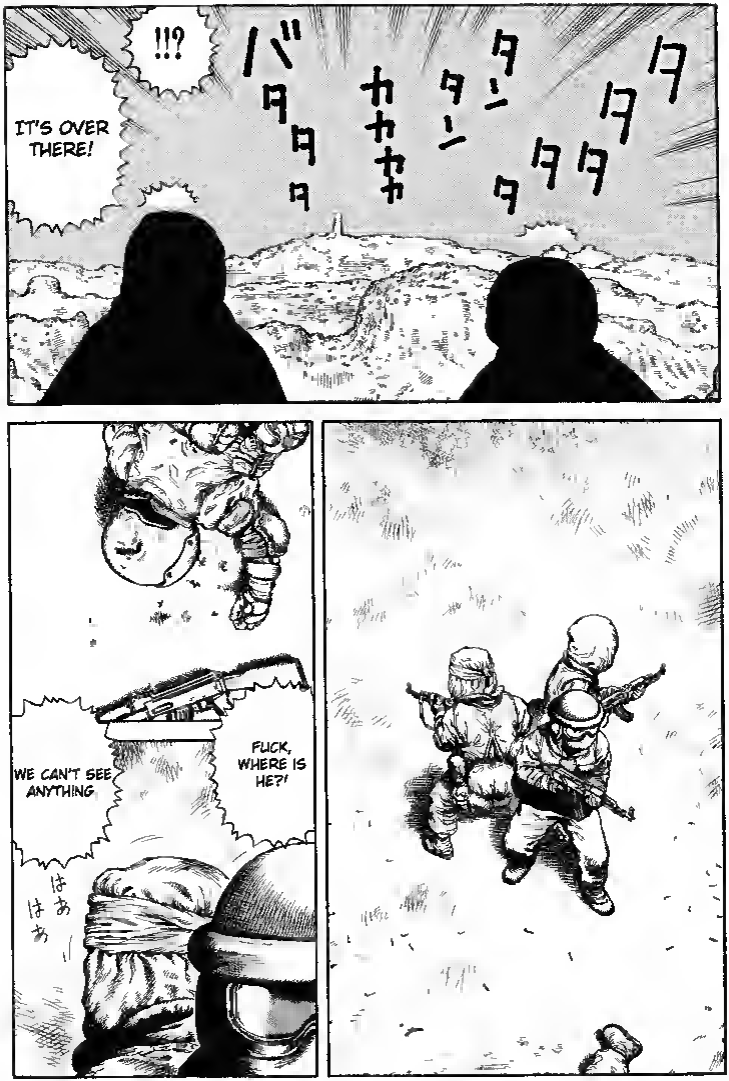
IF WE AREN'T UP TO THE TASK, THIS'LL BE PRETTY BAD.
IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, WE CAN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE.
THEY'RE BANDITS, RIGHT?
OR MERE TRAVELLERS, PERHAPS?
WHERE THE OPPOSING PARTY MEET, CIVILIANS AND PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS THE SECRET PLACE
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
AT ANY RATE, IT WOULD BE STUPID TO GET WOUNDED...
NO CLUE
DOES IT MEAN THAT OOTAKI SENT THESE GUYS?


NANPA DIDN'T RESTRAIN HIMSELF...
THERE'S NOBODY HERE
DAMN!
YOU THINK THEY DIDN'T FLEE?
STAY ON YOUR GUARD MAYBE THEY'RE HIDING NEARBY
HE TOOK DOWN TWO PEOPLE IN TEN MINUTES IF THEY WERE MERE BANDITS, THE WHOLE PACK WOULD HAVE FLED IN EVERY DIRECTION
HUM
HE'S EFFICIENT.
NOW WE'RE HAVING FUN.
HEHE!


WHAT?
HUH?!
YOU SURE?
I DON'T SEE ANY-THING.
ER.. I SAW SOME MOVEMENT SOMEWHERE AROUND THE THIRD HILL.
IT'S EXACTLY TOWARDS THE WAY NATSUKO POINTED OUT.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IT'S OVER THERE!
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WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING
FUCK, WHERE IS HE?!
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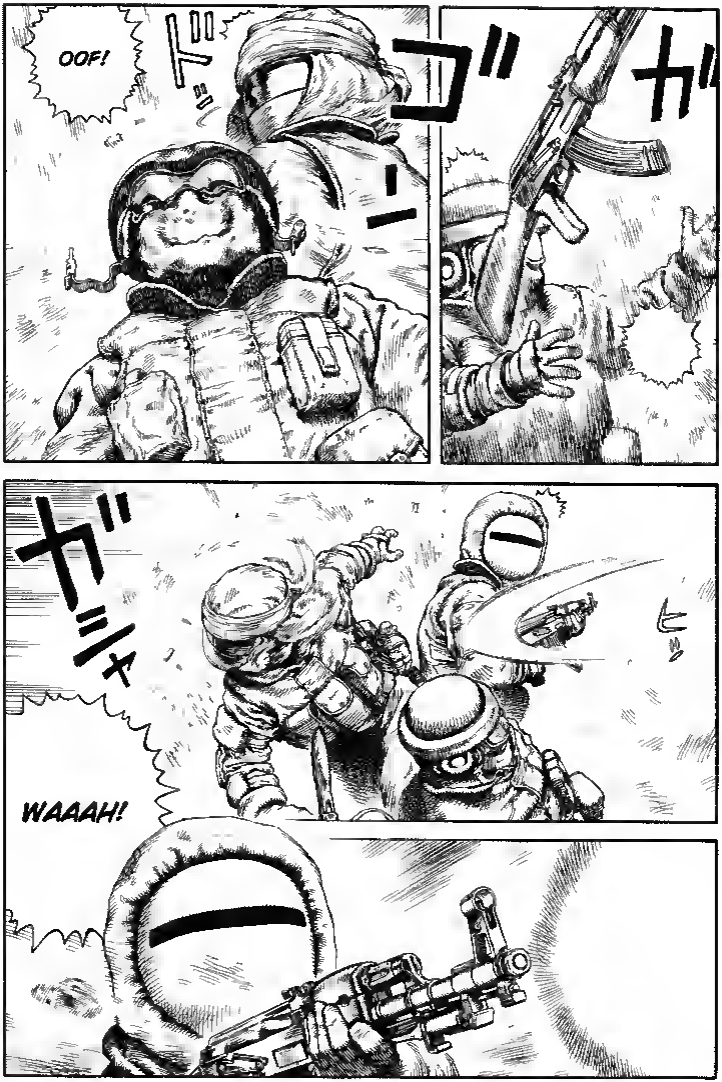
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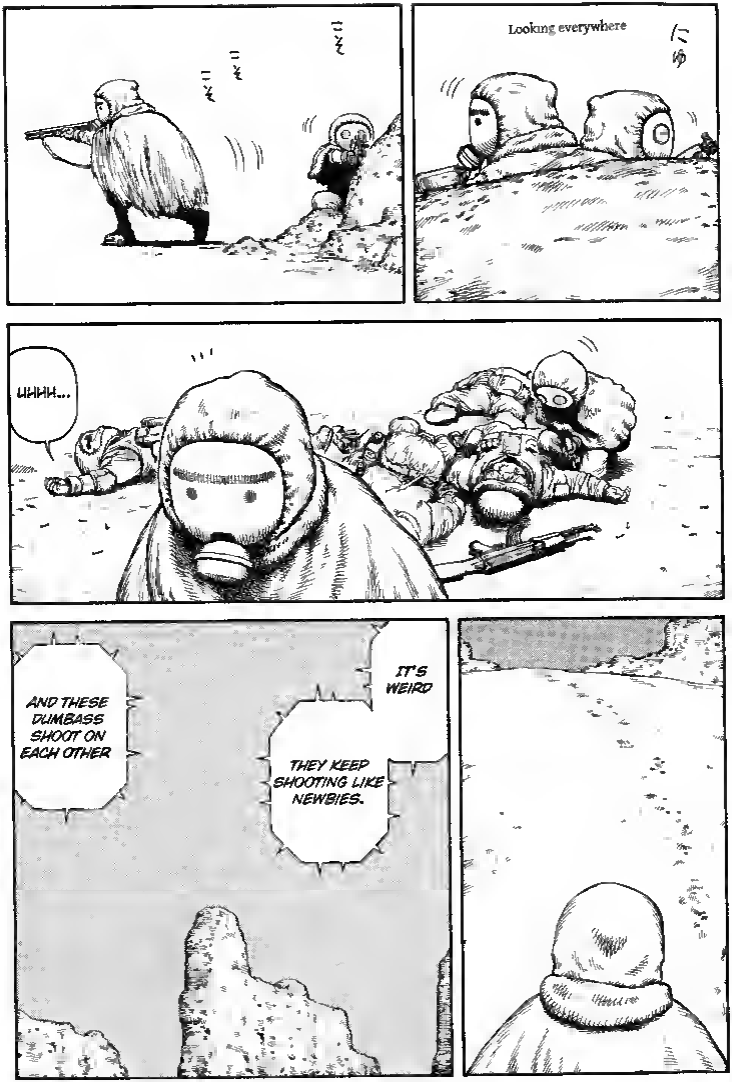
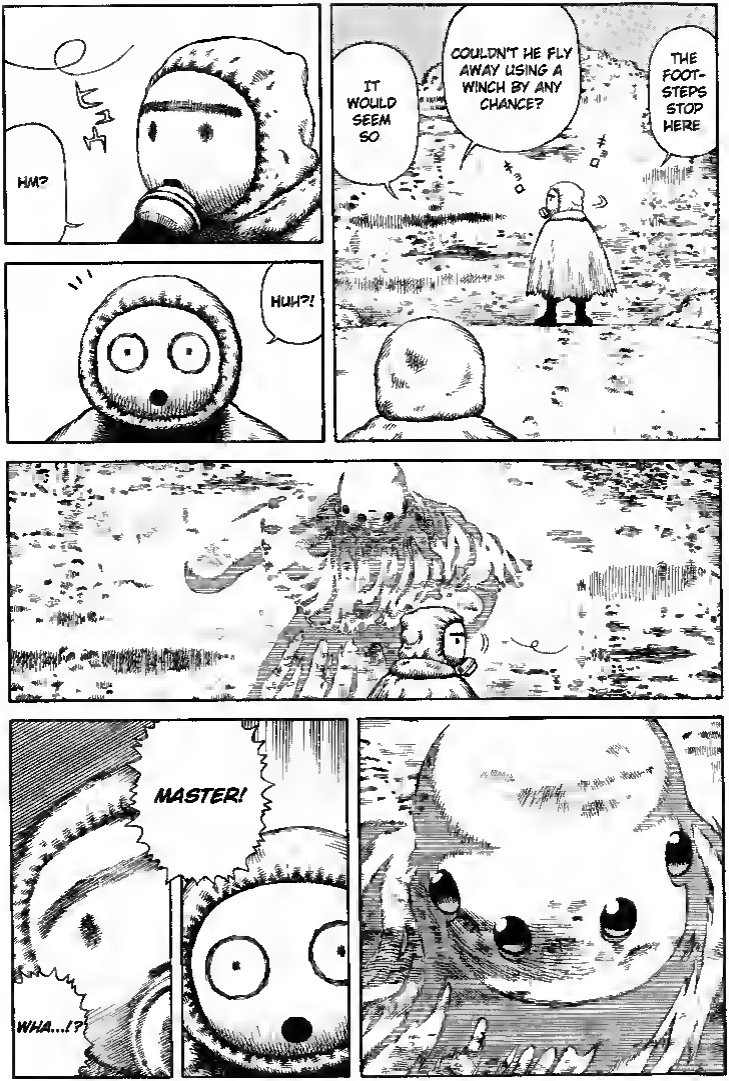
WAAAH!

GHIAA!
PFF!
HE GOT THREE OF THEM IN A ROW


Looking everywhere
Uhhh...
AND THESE DUMBASS SHOOT ON EACH OTHER
THEY KEEP SHOOTING LIKE NEWBIES.
IT'S WEIRD

IT'S TIME TO COOK THE MEAL
YES!
KAWA-KAM!
UNDER-STOOD.
UNDER-STOOD.
FOLLOW THE TRAIL
HM?!


HM?
HUH?!
THE FOOT-STEPS STOP HERE
COULDN'T HE FLY AWAY USING A WINCH BY ANY CHANCE?
IT WOULD SEEM SO
MASTER!
WHA...!?

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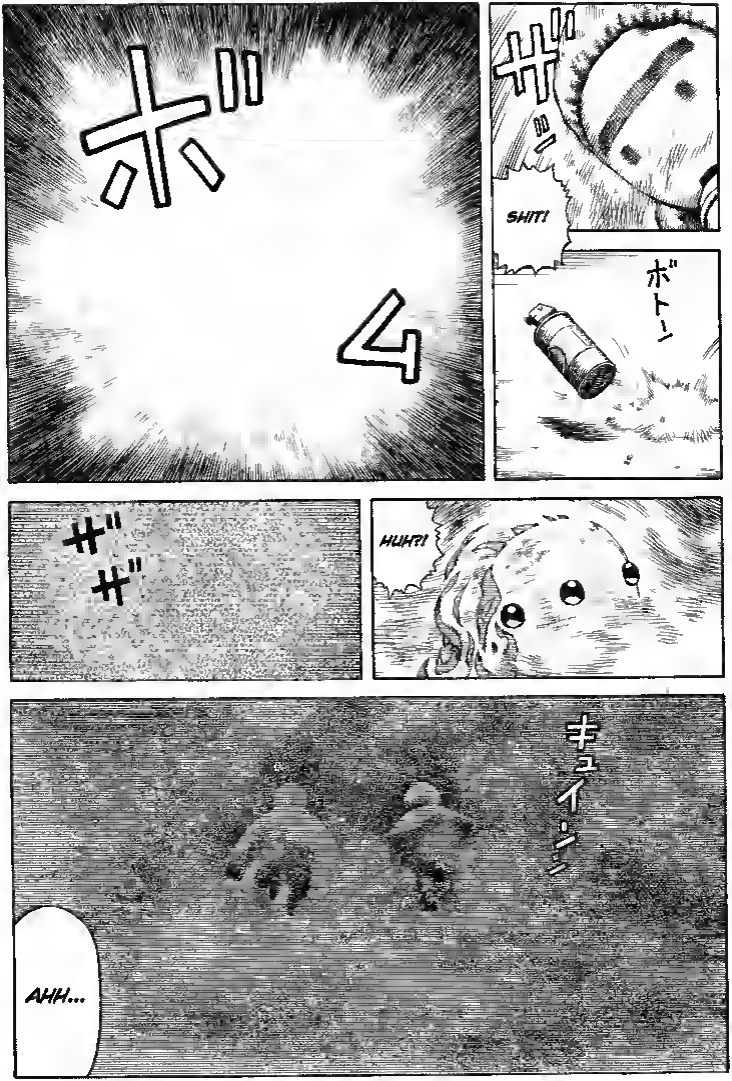
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HUH?!
キュイーン
AHH...

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AAH. MY HEAD IS SPINNING.
GET UP! HURRY!
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GHIAA-AAA...
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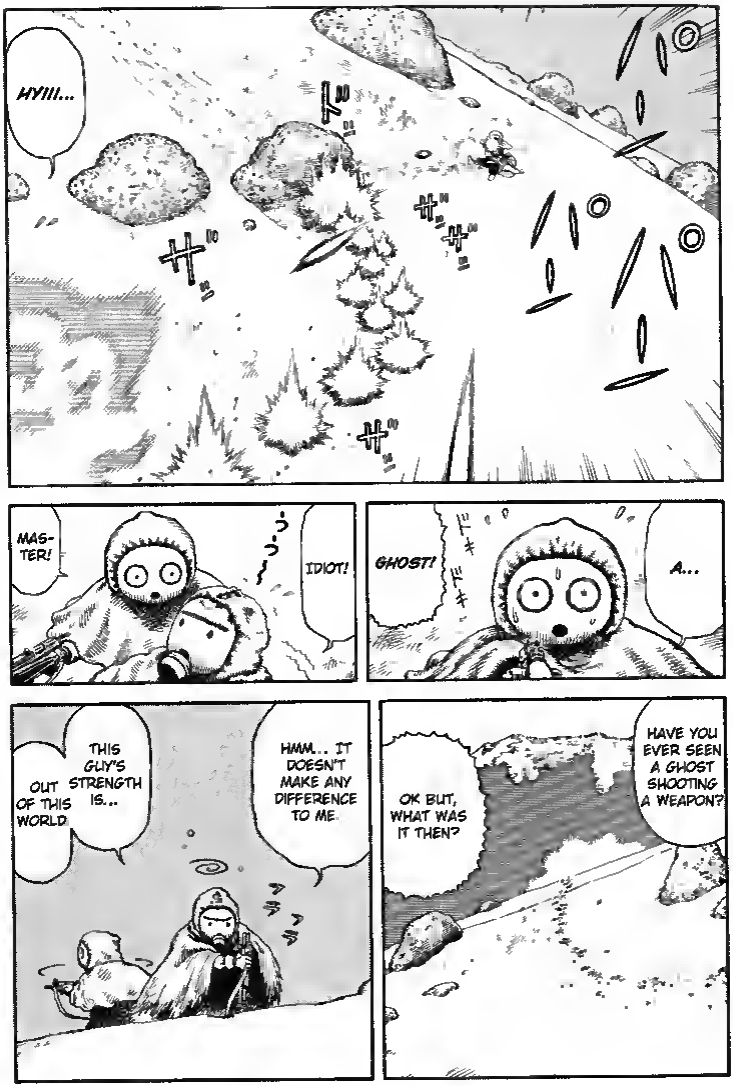
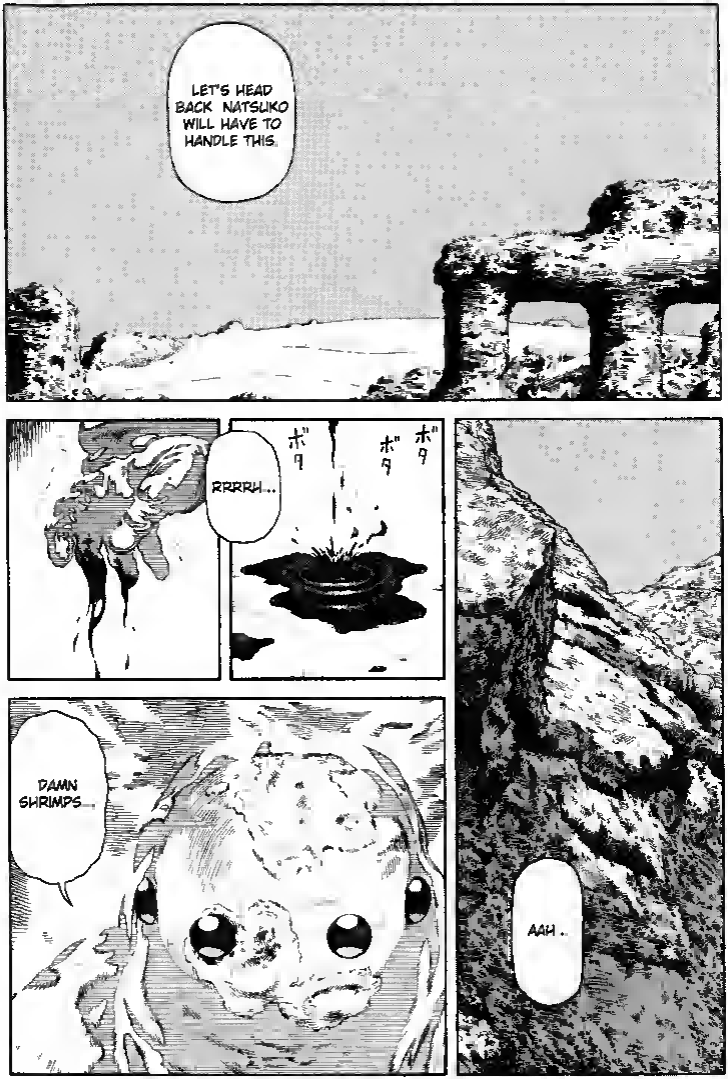
OUCH!


HYIII...
MAS-TER!
IDIOT!
GHOST!
A...
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GHOST SHOOTING A WEAPON?
OK BUT, WHAT WAS IT THEN?
HMM... IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO ME.
THIS GUY'S STRENGTH IS... OUT OF THIS WORLD


LET'S HEAD BACK NATSUKO WILL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS.
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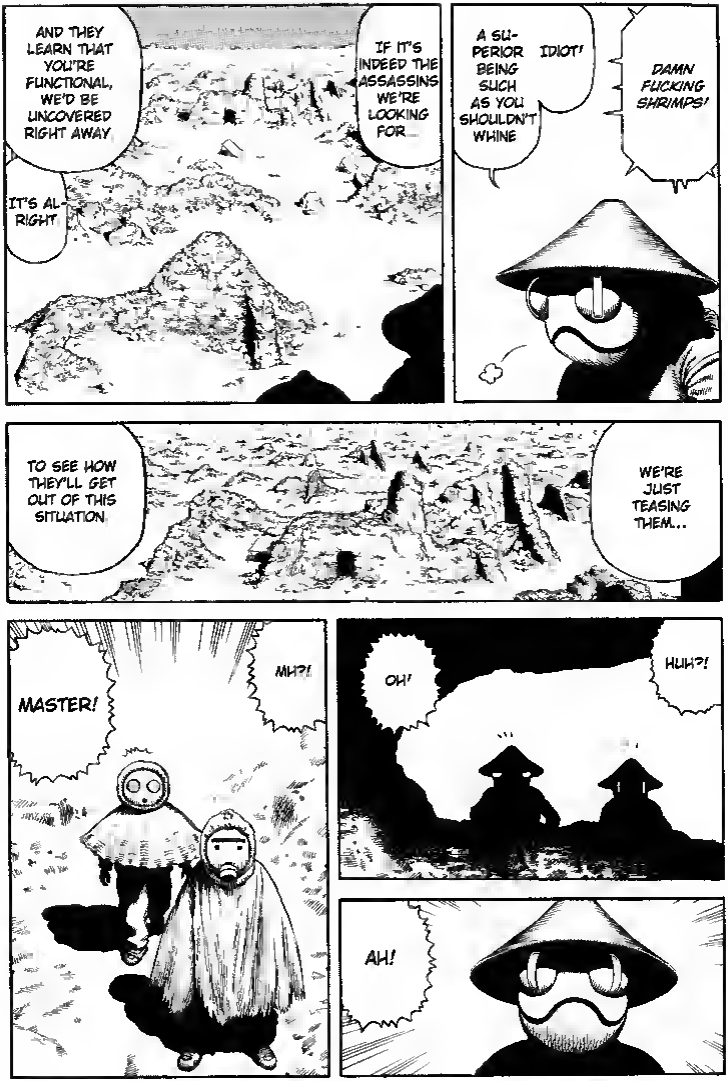
DAMN SHRIMPS...
AAH..


AND THEY LEARN THAT YOU'RE FUNCTIONAL, WE'D BE UNCOVERED RIGHT AWAY
IT'S ALRIGHT
IF IT'S INDEED THE ASSASSINS WE'RE LOOKING FOR...
A SUPERIOR BEING SUCH AS YOU SHOULDN'T WHINE
IDIOT!
DAMN FUCKING SHRIMPS!
TO SEE HOW THEY'LL GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION
WE'RE JUST TEASING THEM...
MASTER!
MH?!
OH!
HUH?!
AH!

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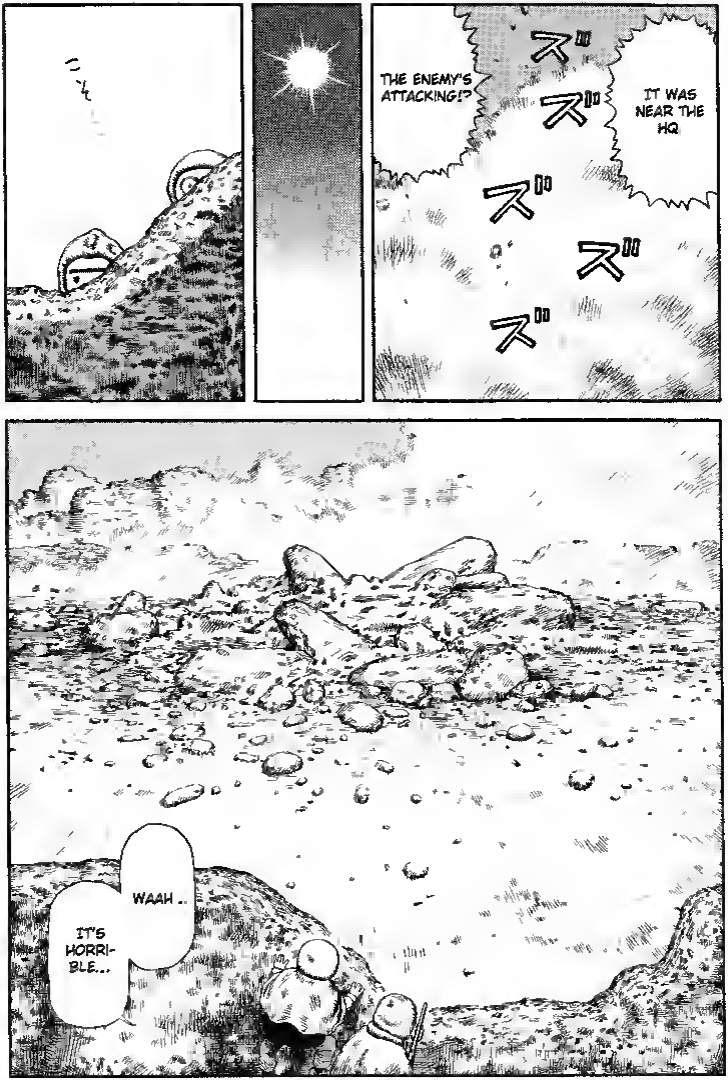
THE ENEMY'S ATTACKING!?
IT WAS NEAR THE HQ
WAAH..
IT'S HORRIBLE...

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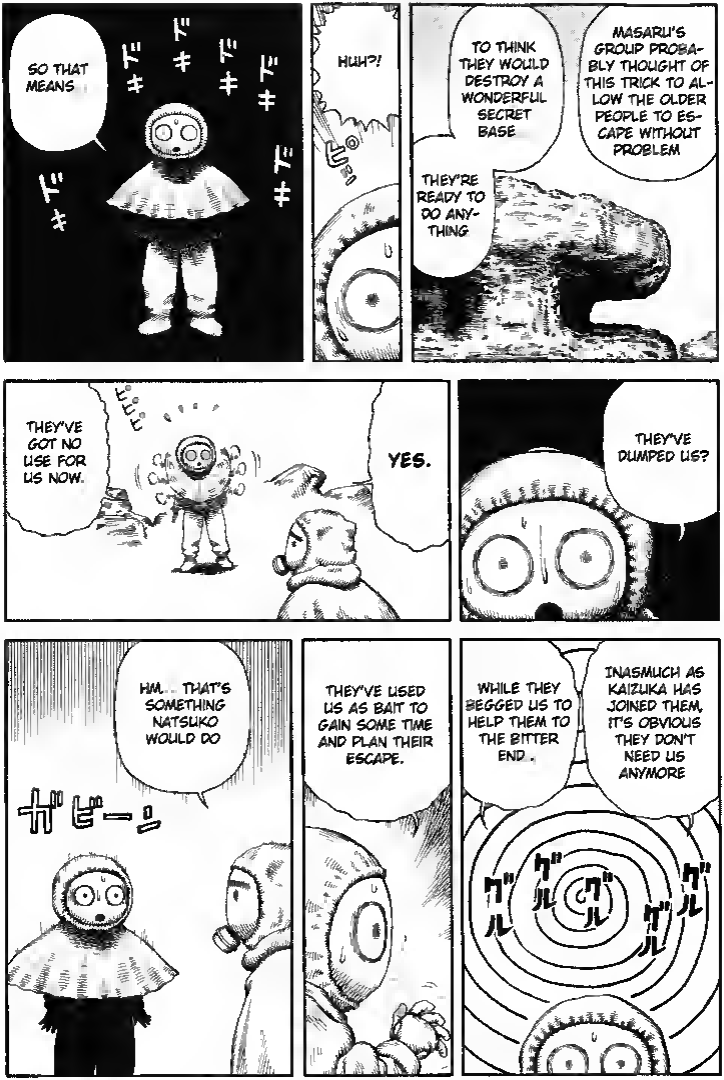
MY GOD MASARU AND THE OTHERS ENDED UP UNDER THAT RUBBLE
THEY'RE ALL DEAD
IT TOOK PLACE IN THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGEWAY WE USED TO COME HERE...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
THE ATTACK DIDN'T COME FROM THE OUTSIDE
EH?!
THE EXPLOSION OCCURED UNDER THE GROUND
反政府軍
超秘密基地
擬装扉
会議室
秘密 地下道
AND INSURE THEIR ESCAPE
THEY MADE IT EXPLODE TO PREVENT ANY ATTACK...


SO THAT MEANS
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HUH?!
TO THINK THEY WOULD DESTROY A WONDERFUL SECRET BASE
MASARU'S GROUP PROBABLY THOUGHT OF THIS TRICK TO ALLOW THE OLDER PEOPLE TO ESCAPE WITHOUT PROBLEM
THEY'RE READY TO DO ANYTHING
THEY'VE GOT NO USE FOR US NOW.
YES.
THEY'VE DUMPED US?
HM... THAT'S SOMETHING NATSUKO WOULD DO
ガビーン
THEY'VE USED US AS BAIT TO GAIN SOME TIME AND PLAN THEIR ESCAPE.
WHILE THEY BEGGED US TO HELP THEM TO THE BITTER END.
INASMUCH AS KAIZUKA HAS JOINED THEM, IT'S OBVIOUS THEY DON'T NEED US ANYMORE
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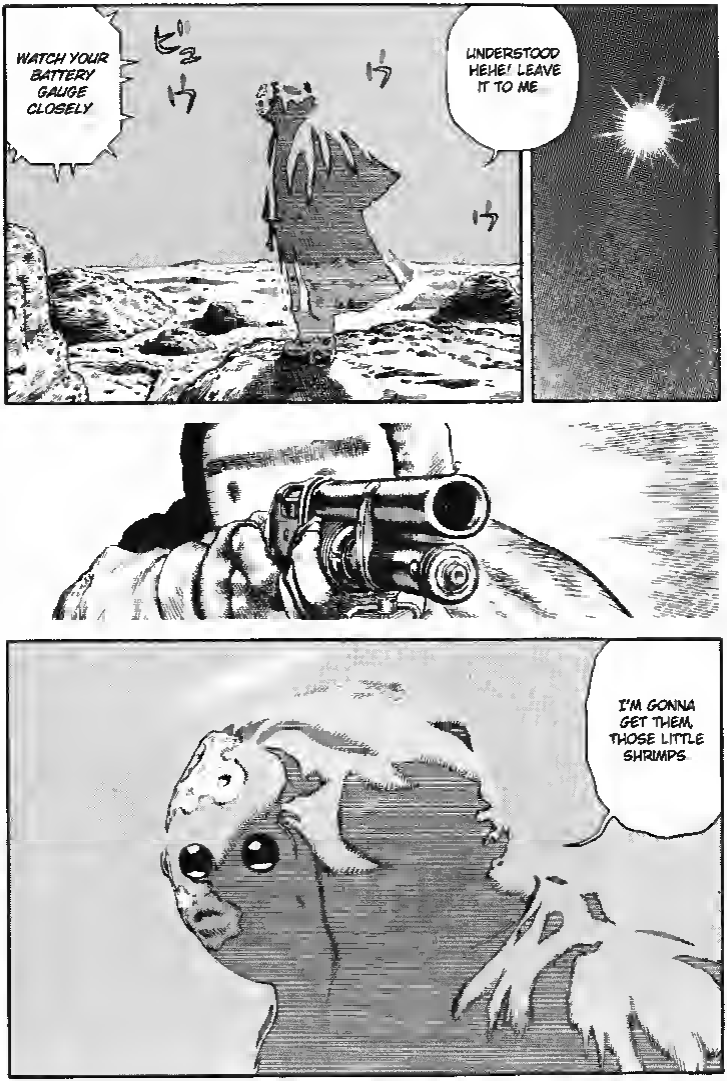
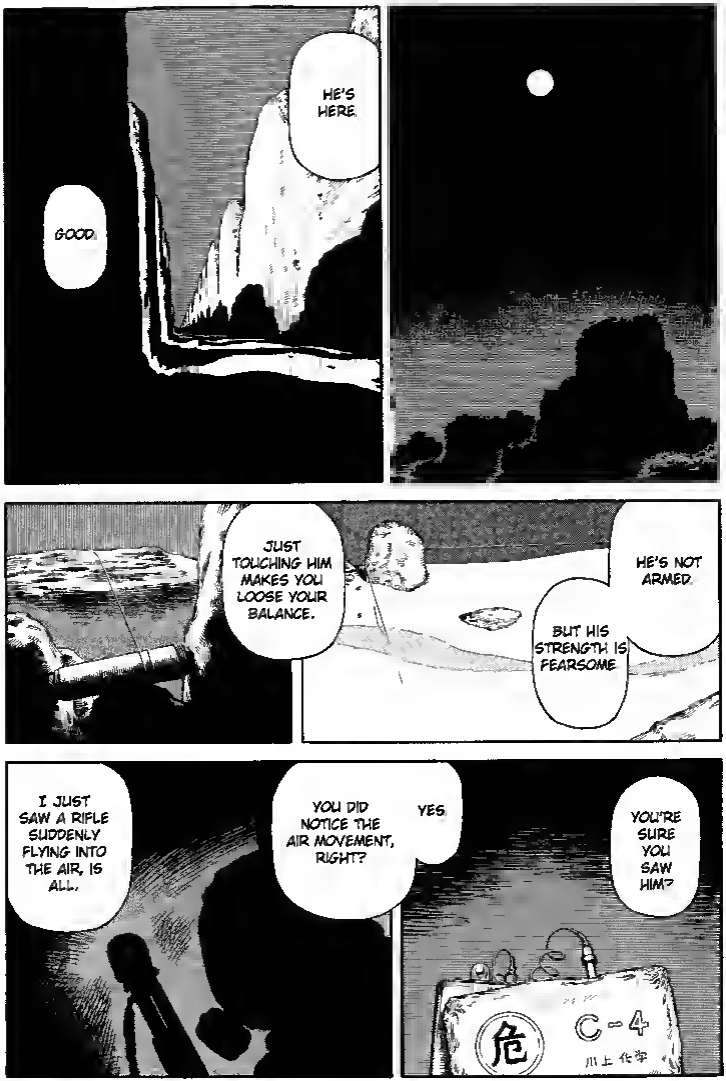
HERE THEY ARE THE TWO WHO WOUNDED NANPA.
THEY'RE SO SMALL
YES, YES
ANYWAY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
WHAT WERE THOSE TWO DOING HERE?
HM?!
PFF MAYBE WE'VE BEEN FOOLED
It can't be over yet
WHAT HAPPENED?
CAREFUL WE WOULD BE IN A HELL OF TROUBLE SHOULD THEY BE BLOWN TO PIECES.
I DOUBT THEY KNOW ANYTHING
SHALL WE ASK THEM?


WATCH YOUR BATTERY GAUGE CLOSELY
UNDERSTOOD HEHE! LEAVE IT TO ME
I'M GONNA GET THEM, THOSE LITTLE SHRIMPS


HE'S HERE.
GOOD.
HE'S NOT ARMED.
BUT HIS STRENGTH IS FEARSOME.
JUST TOUCHING HIM MAKES YOU LOOSE YOUR BALANCE.
YOU'RE SURE YOU SAW HIM?
YES.
YOU DID NOTICE THE AIR MOVEMENT, RIGHT?
I JUST SAW A RIFLE SUDDENLY FLYING INTO THE AIR, IS ALL.
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HE LEFT FOOTSTEPS AND TRACES OF BLOOD.
CAN WE REALLY GET HIM ?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I ENCOUNTER THIS
WE CAN MANAGE
WHAT WAS HE THINKING?
HOW COME HE LET HIMSELF GET INVOLVED IN SUCH A SERIOUS MATTER?
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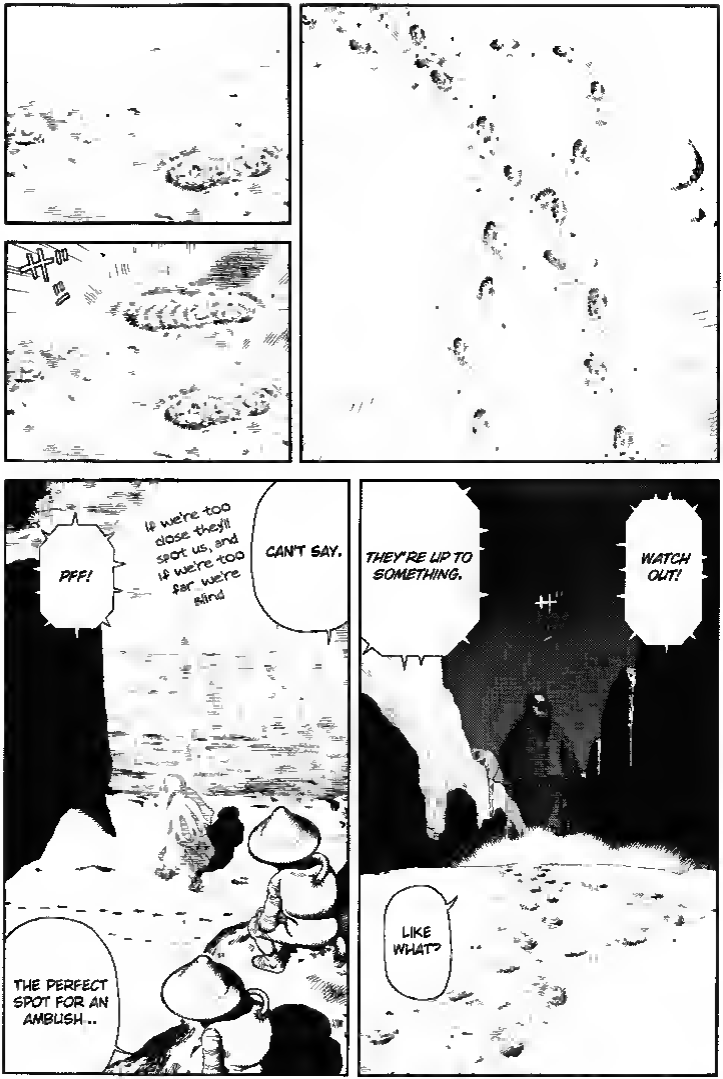
I HOPE...


PFF!
If we're too close they'll spot us, and if we're too far we're blind
CAN'T SAY.
THE PERFECT SPOT FOR AN AMBUSH..
THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING.
WATCH OUT!
LIKE WHAT?..

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HUH!?
IT'S OKAY.
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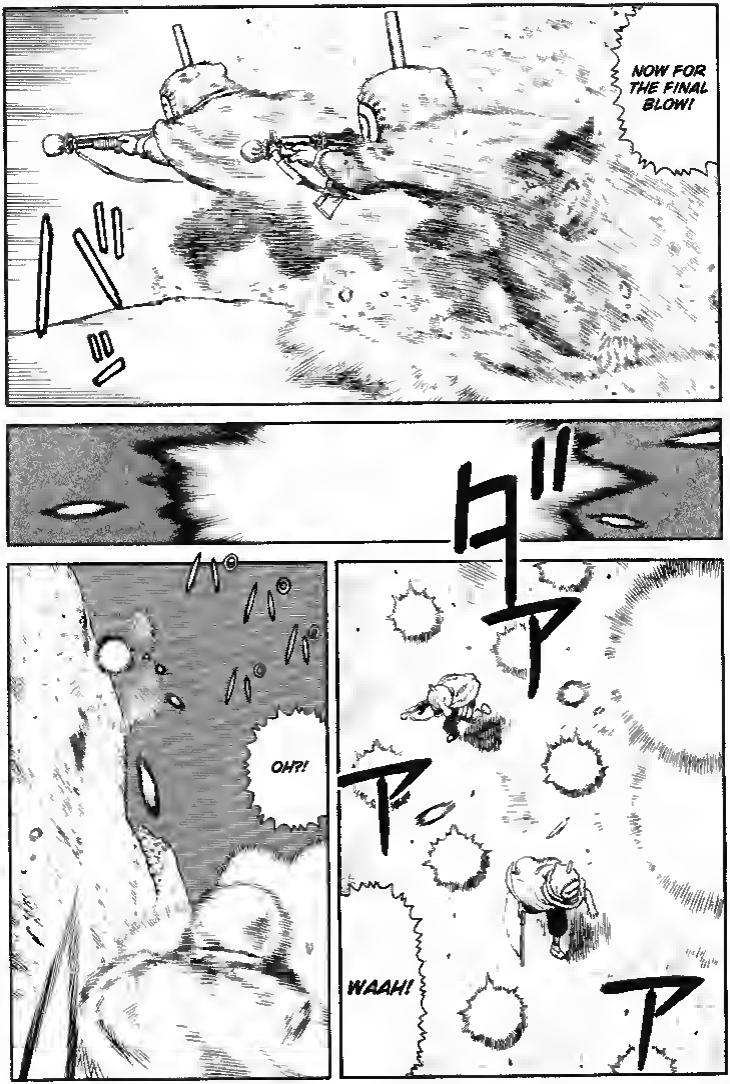
OH?!
パラパラ
IDIOT!


NOW FOR THE FINAL BLOW!
OH?
WAAH!

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